

## The Real Story of Scripture

### Week 4: Restoration

**Main Idea:** God's promises find their ultimate fulfillment in the second coming of Jesus Christ, His final judgment of the world, and His establishment of an eternal kingdom that will never perish or fade.

#### Goals for the evening:

- Develop a better understanding of the “day of the Lord” and the second coming of Jesus Christ
  - Understand how the promise of Jesus’ return should encourage us and impact the way we live out our faith on a daily basis
  - Have candid conversation about applying the truth of God’s Word to your lives through accountability and addressing student needs
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#### Introduction

*Watch the following video and then discuss the questions that follow:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEBc2gSSW04&list=PLytXzhLK7KR86Jynz-ndB0MtPVNfJCK9c>

- How often do you think about heaven or what life after death will be like? Why do you think we tend to see this life as our permanent home when it is not?

#### Read 2 Peter 3:8-13 & Revelation 21:1-8

- According to Peter, how is the Lord patient toward us? What does this reveal about God’s character? (v. 9)
- Why is it significant that the “day of the Lord will come like a thief” (v. 10)? How does Peter say we should live our lives as that day approaches (v. 11) - what does this look like practically?
- If we are followers of Jesus, why should the promise of a new heaven and a new earth encourage and give us hope?
- Food for thought: Does your life reflect the eternal hope of life in Jesus or the fading hope of a world that is passing away?

#### Candid Conversation

- What would you say your biggest need is as it pertains to Jesus? (wrestling with doubts, hard questions, encouragement, accountability, decision-making, etc)