



## Jesus is Coming Back | Ethan Matott | 6.8-9

### SHARE

- If this is your first time meeting as a Group, take a few minutes to get to know each other. Go around the circle and answer the following questions: What is your name? How long have you been coming to Red Rocks? What is your favorite summer activity?**
- Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick that number?**

Welcome to Week 4 of *Unseen & Eternal*. Have you ever struggled to make sense of what is happening in the world? Have you ever felt like there is more going on than what meets the eye?

That's because there is.

According to Scripture, the world we see is only part of the picture. The Apostle Paul tells us to "Fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

In this series, we are diving into the deeper topics that go beyond what we see in everyday life as we attempt to answer the questions about what is unseen and eternal.

- What has been your biggest takeaway from the first four weeks of this series?**
- Was there anything about this week's message that was challenging or convicting to you? Explain.**

### GROW

## Read Revelation 1:4-8

- What is one word you would use to describe how you feel about the Book of Revelation? (Confused? Encouraged? Hopeful? Uneasy?) Why did you choose that word?**

There is a ton of debate about the Book of Revelation. For thousands of years, theologians have argued about when Jesus will return and how it will all happen. But as Ethan reminded us this week, there is one thing we know for sure—Jesus is coming back.

When will Jesus return? We don't know. Jesus himself said, "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Matthew 24:36). However, we do know that Jesus is coming soon, and it's our job to live accordingly.

There are at least four things Jesus' return should bring us: Comfort, courage, challenge, and calling.

### **Comfort**

Revelation can be confusing, but it is actually meant to comfort us. Chris Hodges once said, "Revelation is not a horror story; it's a love story." It's the story of how far God is willing to go to be with us.

This week, Ethan shared a story about flying his entire family to Colorado to see his parents. As anyone who has ever traveled with young kids knows, that is quite the process. But getting to be together with extended family makes it all worth it.

Revelation is a reminder of everything Jesus is doing to make sure we can be together as a family. No matter what challenges you face today, remember Jesus is on his way, and when he arrives, you'll look back and realize all the hard work was worth it.

- What is one way Revelation brings you comfort today?**

### **Courage**

In the first century, Christians were being beaten, arrested, and killed for their beliefs. Revelation was their reminder to face those challenges with *courage*. Today, Revelation serves the same purpose. You may be going through a lot right now, but let the reality that God wins in the end fill you with strength and boldness.

- How can that truth empower you to live with a purpose this week?**

## MOVE

### Read Matthew 28:16-20

- What stuck out to you from this passage?**
- Why is this particular passage of Scripture so important for us to study and remember every week?**

### Calling

The passage you just read is called The Great Commission. It's the moment Jesus gives us our instructions for the time leading up to his return. He tells us to "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

No matter where you live or what you do, your primary call is to make disciples of all nations. The Book of Revelation reminds us that we are on the clock; we only have a little while to complete our mission. It's our job to stay focused on the task at hand.

- What is one way you can carry out this calling today?**

### Challenge

When you learn to live today with forever in mind, everything changes. C.S. Lewis once said, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next." The Book of Revelation is a challenge to get to work.

Peter tells us in light of this truth that Jesus is coming back, "You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming" (2 Peter 3:11-12).

This week, you have another opportunity to live holy, look forward to the day of God, and speed its coming. To end your time together, take a few minutes and talk about how you are going to do that by answering these questions:

- What is one way that you feel like God is calling you to live a holy life this week? How can your Group help hold you accountable?**

- What is one tangible way you can help *speed the coming of Jesus*? Who is one person you believe God has placed in your path so that you can tell them about Jesus?**

## **P R A Y**

Have everyone God around and share prayer requests no matter how big or small. Have everyone pray for the person on their