

Jesus Christ, Our Coming King (Discussion Questions)

General Question:

(1) What are some emotions that rise when you think of Jesus' return? Why?

Questions relating to Jesus' unmitigated promise to return:

(2) Consider the parable of the 10 Wedding Attendants (Matt 25:1-13). What are some of the lessons that apply to us as we wait for Jesus to return?

(3) How eagerly are you waiting for the return of Jesus, and what practical differences does that eagerness make in your life?

(4) What are some issues, concerns, activities, or things that tend to distract you as you wait for Jesus' return?

(5) What are some practical disciplines that you might apply to (a) reorient, (b) dull or (c) eliminate those distractions?

Questions relating to Jesus' return as our glorious hope:

(6) How is the word "hope" defined in this Biblical context?

(7) Why is it true that this "hope" (hopefulness) generates both peace and joy in hopeless circumstances? (Consider Isaiah 35:3-10)

Questions relating to Jesus' return as our enduring motivation:

(8) How does Jesus' return motivate us to live in holiness? What does living in holiness mean in practical terms? (Consider Titus 2:11-13)

(9) How does Jesus' return motivate us to live in unity? What does living in unity mean in practical terms? (Consider John 17:22-24)

(10) How does Jesus' return motivate us to live on mission? What does living on mission mean in practical terms? (Consider Acts 1:8; Matt. 24:14)