

How to Live While The World Is Ending

Fan the Flame

Life Group Discussion Guide

Ice Breaker

If you could witness any event from the past, present, or future, what would it be and why? *This question helps us to reflect on our perspectives about time and significant moments in history, including how we understand the concept of the 'last days.'*

Centering Prayer

Take a moment to center your group in God's presence. Invite everyone to close their eyes, take a deep breath, and quiet their hearts. Have one member read the following Scripture passage *slowly three times*, allowing space for silent reflection after each reading. Conclude with a brief opening prayer, inviting God to guide your discussion and open your hearts to His teachings.

Exploring

Have someone read aloud 2 Timothy 3:1-9

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. 6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone"

Point 1: Reject Self-Centered Living

Discussion Questions

How does the culture of self-centeredness and love of pleasure challenge your faith?

In what ways can you actively reject this culture and focus more on God and others?

Share a personal experience where choosing selflessness over self-centeredness made a significant difference in your life or someone else's.

Point 2: Cultivate a Genuine Faith

Discussion Questions

Reflect on what 'cultivating a genuine faith' means to you.

How does Paul's warning about people who have an appearance of godliness but deny its power challenge you to assess your own faith journey?

Discuss practical steps you can take to strengthen your faith and protect it from being 'choked out' by life's weeds.

Point 3: Seek Godly Wisdom

Discussion Questions

Why is seeking Godly wisdom so important in living faithfully during the 'last days'?

Can you share an instance where Godly wisdom from a mentor or scripture significantly impacted your decisions?

How can you more actively pursue wisdom in your daily life and decision-making?

End (Prayer time):

Break into smaller groups of two or three. Share one area of your life where you feel challenged to live out the teachings from today's discussion. Pray for each other, asking for God's guidance, wisdom, and strength to live faithfully in these 'last days,' embodying the teachings of Paul to Timothy.