

Small-group reminders:

- Bring your Bible and a copy of these questions with you on Thursday night.
- During your small group time, members can alternate and choose one question from each category so that you won't miss out on any one topic if time runs out. Then go back and choose another from each category.
- At the 15-minute warning, pause your questions and each give a personal prayer request. Then resume questions until time runs out.

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## Judgment is Coming

Someone read 2 Peter 3:5-7.

### Itching Ears

The Word tells us that in the last days people will no longer tolerate sound doctrine and will turn from truth to things that are false. Pastor JD's example: Many preachers today will never preach a sermon titled, "Judgment is Coming." However, many preachers today will preach a sermon that revival is coming because that's what we want to hear.

- 1) Do you see in the Bible that there will be a great revival in the last days prior to the tribulation?
- 2) Does your church teach a coming large-scale revival, or do some of your friends believe this?
- 3) How can you counter this belief in a godly manner? What Scriptures might you use?

### Borrowed Time

"When you know that it's just a matter of time before you take your last breath... and you've only got so many words to speak left, what are you going to talk about? Oh, you're going to get real, real fast." ~ Pastor JD

- 1) As you see our closeness to the end, does this motivate you to be more vocal? (Hebrews 10:23)
- 2) Give an example of a success and/or failure in trying to warn the lost or wake the found.

### Memory Lapse

According to verse 5, Pastor JD explains that mockers deliberately forget and allow the creation and its Creator to escape their notice.

- 1) Why might people intentionally deny God as Creator?
- 2) What are some social consequences that have resulted from removing God as Creator?  
(Romans 1:20-32)

“And they can try if they want, but the problem is the whole of creation screams of a Creator.” ~  
Pastor JD

### **Righteous Judge**

God must judge because He's just. Even still, He is love. Pastor JD reminded us that God does not send anyone to hell. He did everything (Jesus came) and stopped at nothing (Jesus died) so that none would perish. All we have to do is believe.

- 1) How can we see God's love through His judgment?
- 2) Does God delight in judgment?

Sin entered heaven when Lucifer exalted himself in his pride.

- 3) Interestingly, the letter i is in the middle of sin, pride, and Lucifer. Discuss how this can be a warning to us about how love of self can lead to self-deception.
- 4) You can lie so much and so often that you finally believe yourself. Have you ever convinced yourself that your sinful actions were justified?
- 5) What are some motivations for self-deception?

### **Bible Reflection**

The Bible is like a mirror that reflects me as God sees me. It shows me my true condition.

- 1) Read James 1:23-25. What are ways we avoid looking into this mirror?
- 2) a) You don't have to be specific, but is there any disparity in who others think you are versus who you really are? b) What would it take for your walk to align with your talk?