

When The World Falls Apart

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Since God is in charge and Jesus wins, we can live with hope and joy as we are found faithful, even in hard times.

Key Scriptures

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:4-8

When the world falls apart, let's remember:

1. God is in charge.
2. Jesus wins.

When the world falls apart, we can:

1. Live with hope and joy.
2. Be faithful.

Start talking.

- Why do you think that people are so interested in the end times right now?
- What are you most curious about in regards to eschatology, the study of the last things?

Start thinking.

- Pastor Ryan mentioned that the book of Revelation is the "Revelation of Jesus Christ," not the "Revelation of the End Times." When the world is falling apart, why is it more important to know the character of Jesus than how events are going to unfold?
- Read Revelation 1:5. Of the three character traits of Jesus, which do you find the most encouraging and why? Faithful witness? Firstborn of the dead? Ruler of kings on earth?
- Why do hope and joy result from knowing that Jesus wins in the end?

Start sharing.

- Why are we so quick at times to forget that God is in charge?
- If you knew that Jesus was going to return in a week, who would you be intentional about reaching the tangible love of Jesus?
- What most excites you about spending eternity with Jesus?

Start doing.

- Where do you need to live with more hope and joy, in light of God's sovereignty and Jesus's impending victory?
- What is one area of your life where God is calling you to be faithful?

Closing prayer.

Jesus, thank you for being the faithful witness. Thank you for showing me who God is. Thank you for living the life that I couldn't live. Thank you for dying the death that I deserved. Help me to live with confidence at your love for me and the future that we share. Help me to live with a sense of urgency, as I tell others the Good News about you.