

Title: End in Mind: Good News Not Fake News // **Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:12-21

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW *5-10 minutes*

This week in our journey through second Peter, Peter answers the challenge that he is preaching Fake News by pointing to the second coming of Jesus. The false teachers say this idea of the second coming is a made up fable, simply fabricated to control people's behavior. However, for Peter, Jesus' second coming is not Fake News, it is Good News that enables him to make sense out of all of life and empowers him to live with the End in Mind.

What you believe about the future has a direct affect on how you live your life in the present. Peter tells us to remember Jesus is coming soon! That fact empowers us to live a life grounded in the anchor of His word and galvanized by experiencing the work of God in our lives. The word of God brings reason and sense to our lives. We have the story to tell of the Good News that we have experienced from His word and in His work. We also have people all around us who need us to tell them the story of the Good News that we have.

When it comes to Jesus' second coming, you are either living into Fake News or Good News. And knowing the difference between the two makes all the difference in the world.

THE MAIN THOUGHT *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

What you believe about tomorrow has a direct affect on how you live your life today.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture (What is the story saying?): What did Peter challenge us to remember? What did Peter say was his basis for believing Jesus is returning? What are the two commitments we need to make? How does what we believe impact how we live in the present?

Mirror (Where am I in the story?): On a scale of 1-10 how well are you living with the End in Mind right now? How does personally experiencing God's work in our lives clarify the story of His Good News? Why is being grounded in God's word so important?

Window (How does the story change how I see those around me?): How are the people in your family, your community, and your world living with the End in Mind? What are they looking to as anchors in their lives? What experiences are they depending on? What is the Good News for them?

BE IT – Practice

Change UP // Exercise *5 minutes*

Ask group members to share experiences from the lives of people in scripture that galvanize their own faith in the return of Jesus. Then have them share some examples of words from scripture that ground their own trust in God.

Change IN // Group Activity *5 minutes*

Have each person share one personal God experience or word that has galvanized and grounded their own life. Along with the experience or scripture, express how it resulted in verification, validation, and/or vindication.

Change OUT // Life Application Assignment *5 minutes*

Have each person identify which commitment (God experiences or grounding in His word) is most lacking in their own life right now? Take time in prayer to ask God for breakthrough in that area during the upcoming week. Commit to pursuing breakthrough in that specific commitment this week. Remember each day to expect and anticipate God to respond. Be prepared to share what God showed you through experience or His word next week.

CLOSING PRAYER *5 minutes*

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.