

The End . . .

Key Scriptures

2 Thess. 2:1-12 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Key Point:

Let no one deceive you . . . Because Satan is actively working around our society to deceive it, it is imperative that Know God's truth.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had a dream where you felt like it was real and believed it was true, but when you woke up you were completely relieved to find out it was just a dream?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Before going through these questions, take some time to read through 2 Thes. 2:1-12 in your group. Feel free to discuss any areas of the passage that draws your interest.

- In v. 3, Paul said “let no one deceive you. . .” Where was the deception coming from that the Thessalonians had believed? Why was it so believable?
- What were the things Paul said must happen
- In our passage, Paul spoke of “the spirit of lawlessness.” In what ways can you identify the spirit of lawlessness around us today?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Paul warned Christians not to believe lies and rumors about the last days. How can we recognize these rumors and yet still prepare for the last days?
- How does Paul's description of end times give you courage for living today?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Paul pulls no punches when he discusses the ultimate end of those who reject the truth of Christ. Who do you know that you could pray for who has been refusing to receive the truth?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- In v. 5 Paul said Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? Take time to remember the truth of God's word by reciting and memorizing sections with key truths that are important. Can you pick 3 passages with meaningful truths you know you need to memorize?