

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Eschatology Overview

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the topic without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Note: For Day 1 we will focus mainly on Scripture passages regarding Eschatology.

1. What does the term “eschatology” mean? How does that relate to the Bible?
2. Write out a summary of your current understanding of eschatology. Keep it brief in 2-3 sentences, summarizing into big ideas. If you don’t really have an answer, write out a least a very basic thought on what you think it means. We will return to this at the end of the week study.
3. After summarizing your view, state in 1-2 sentences why you think the teaching and understanding eschatology is important for every believer. List a passage to support your thoughts.
4. Read through 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What effect on a Christian should the second coming of Christ Jesus have on grief?

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5. Read through 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. What effect on a Christian should the second coming of Christ Jesus have on anxiety?

6. Read through 2 Peter 3:8-13. What effect on a Christian should the second coming of Christ Jesus have on godly living?

7. Read through 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. How should the second coming of Christ Jesus create stability for the Christian?

8. How could or have you applied the Biblical principles from questions 4-7 to yourself or when discipling others?

❖ Day 2

Note: For Day 2 we will continue focus on Scripture.

9. Read through the following passages and with 12 words or less indicate what they reveal about the second coming of Jesus Christ.
 - a. Matthew 25:31

 - b. 1 Peter 4:13

 - c. Titus 2:13

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d. 1 Peter 5:1

e. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

f. 2 Timothy 4:8

10. Read through the following passages and with 12 words or less, describe how they should motivate Christians in view of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

a. Hebrews 10:24-25

b. 1 Corinthians 11:26

c. Mark 13:33

d. 2 Timothy 2:15

e. 2 Timothy 4:1-2

f. 1 Corinthians 4:5

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g. 1 Thessalonians 2:19

h. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

❖ Day 3

Note: For Day 3 we will continue focus on doctrine.

Read through the Biblical Doctrine handout, pages 830-832 to address the following questions.

11. Summarize both eschatological models in 2-3 sentences.

a. Spiritual Vision Model

b. New Creation Model

12. In 21 words or less, describe why a grammatical-historical method of Bible interpretation is important to eschatology.

Read through the Biblical Doctrine handout, pages 880-884 to address the following questions.

These pages contain some of the major views of eschatology.

13. How would you define "Preterism"? What, if any, are its main biblical arguments?

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14. How would you define “Historicism”? What, if any, are its main biblical arguments? Why was it popular after the initial centuries following the Reformation?

15. How would you define “Idealism”? What, if any, are its main biblical arguments? What are its strengths and weaknesses?

16. How would you define “Futurism”? What, if any, are its main biblical arguments? What are its strengths and weaknesses?

17. After studying through some Scripture and Theology related to Eschatology, how would (or would you) change your understanding of eschatology from question 2? What specifically has helped you the most this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that your heart would be open to teaching from the texts of God’s Word, intended to be clear and inerrant in terms of eschatology and its application for us in the church today.