

The End Times

Part 8

Key Scriptures: Daniel 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Daniel 12:5-7; Revelation 21:27; John 1:29; John 1:36; Daniel 12:10-13; Daniel 12:3

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had to wait to check a list to see IF you are on it? Like making a team, or being chosen for a program, or getting a role in a play? How did you feel when you were on that list? How did you feel when you didn't make that list?
- Have you ever had to check a list to see what grade you received, when you needed to check in for an important appointment, or if your flight was delayed? How does that type of information help you? What would happen if you didn't have that information?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Daniel 12:1-2. What does it mean by, "Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake"?
- Daniel 12:2 says these people awake to either everlasting life or everlasting contempt. Why would there be life or contempt? Where will everlasting life take place? Where would everlasting contempt take place?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. How does this vision encourage you?
- Read Revelation 21:27. What is the difference between something that is 100% pure and something impure? Would you be comfortable eating a brownie that is 99% brownie and 1% rat poison? So if nothing impure will make it into heaven, how do we get in? Explain.
- Read Daniel 12:3. What does it mean to be wise? What does it mean to "lead many to righteousness"? What does either make you shine like a star forever?

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How do you handle bad news? Why? How do you react to good news? Why?
- How would you decorate the Lamb's Book of Life if you oversaw the making of it? (Example: Would you bedazzle it? Draw a cross? Write on it with golden lettering? Etc.) What would it be made of? Is it more important how valuable it looks, or how many names are in it?
- What does it mean to have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Explain.
- Would you rather be an All-Star on a sports team or a Rock Star? Why? If you want to be an All-Star for Jesus, what do you need to do according to Daniel 12:3?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray that you have an opportunity, before the summer begins, to invite a friend from school to church so that they can hear the good news.
- Pray for God to put a specific friend on your heart to invite.

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

- Invite a friend to visit church with you. Introduce them to a Pastor or youth leader.