

# VOLUME 8, UNIT 23, SESSION 5 (CSB)

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## **POINT 1: CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS RECOGNIZE THAT GOD'S KINGDOM IS HERE IN PART (LUKE 17:20-21).**

<sup>20</sup> When he was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with something observable; <sup>21</sup> no one will say, 'See here!' or 'There!' For you see, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

## **POINT 2: CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS ANTICIPATE THAT GOD'S KINGDOM IS COMING IN FULL (LUKE 17:22-35).**

<sup>22</sup> Then he told the disciples, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you won't see it. <sup>23</sup> They will say to you, 'See there!' or 'See here!' Don't follow or run after them. <sup>24</sup> For as the lightning flashes from horizon to horizon and lights up the sky, so the Son of Man will be in his day. <sup>25</sup> But first it is necessary that he suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup> Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> People went on eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage until the day Noah boarded the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> It will be the same as it was in the days of Lot: People went on eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building. <sup>29</sup> But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> It will be like that on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day, a man on the housetop, whose belongings are in the house, must not come down to get them. Likewise the man who is in the field must not turn back. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to make his life secure will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."

## **POINT 3: CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS WORK FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO BE KNOWN BY ALL (MATTHEW 24:45-51).**

<sup>45</sup> "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. <sup>47</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup> But if that wicked servant says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,' <sup>49</sup> and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards, <sup>50</sup> that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. <sup>51</sup> He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

