



# HTC SMALL GROUP

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** An Attitude Like Christ

**Sermon Date:** November 13, 2016

**Scripture:** 2 Thessalonians 1-2

**Speaker:** Pastor Matt Peca

1. For those of you who have/had pets, share a personal example of how you would know that your pet was anticipating your return? For you parents, how would you know that your child was anticipating your return? How would we model to God that we are anticipating and ready for His return?
2. Paul writes 2 Thessalonians to clarify the return of Christ to people who are anxious, speculative and confused. How do you honestly react when you consider the return of Christ? Why? What would you do today if you knew Christ would return tomorrow?
3. Compare Paul's opening statements in 1 Thessalonians 1:3 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3. What key element is missing from the 2 Thessalonians passage? Why do you think that may be left out in light of the current frame of mind of the Thessalonian church?
4. One of the sermon points was to live for Christ's return without contingencies. Take a moment and consider your season of life right now and finish this statement, "I'm going to live for Christ even if..." - Discuss.
5. In your group discuss briefly what you know about the Antichrist (who he is, what he does, etc). Now Read through 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 and talk out or list some features that involve or describe the Antichrist.
6. Throughout the centuries, many have speculated over whom the Antichrist is and if he is alive today. Why is speculating and conjecturing over end time events not a good thing as it relates to Living for His Return?
7. Read through the following verses: We can Live for His Return with assurance because, the Prophets declared it (Zechariah 14:4); Angels declared it (Acts 1:11); The Disciples declared it (Acts 3:19-21); Paul declared it (1 Thess 4:14-18); and more importantly, Jesus declared it (Matt 24:23-39).
8. Read Revelation 19:11-21 for a sneak preview of Christ's return. What are your thoughts as you read over these verses? How does Christ's second coming contrast to His first coming?
9. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10. God will bring punishment and everlasting destruction to those who have rejected Him. Conclude your time together in prayer for a person/or people that God has placed in your life who do not yet know Him. What role has God called you to play in their lives as you Live for His Return?