



Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-2a; Luke 21:5-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

GETTING STARTED

What is the funniest sign, bumper sticker, or advertisement you have ever seen?

What do you think about *end time signs*? Do you watch for them? Not think about them? Think it is too confusing to think about them?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Luke 21:5-19 (Matthew 24 is a parallel passage).

What kind of "evils" do you see in this passage?

What encouragement does Jesus give his followers? (see Luke 21:18-19)

What kicks up within you as you engage these Scriptures and questions?

What makes engaging this topic so difficult?

ENGAGE AND DISCUSS

What can we count on when thinking about the *end times*?

Does anything worry you? Why?

In light of knowing that an end is coming (we don't know when—Matt. 24:26), how should a follower of Jesus live?

Is there gap between our current approach to life and living like the end is near? How do you reconcile this gap—if there is one?

NEXT STEPS:

- Read Ephesians 5:16 and 2 Thess. 2:11,13. What would it mean for YOU to understand that you are living in YOUR last times of this one life you have to live?