

Week 52: The World to Come

Scripture Reading:

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." - Rev. 1:7

Opening Prayer:

Begin by expressing gratitude for the hope of the world to come and the promise of Christ's return.

Devotional:

Christ's return is not just a future event to be passively awaited. It's a transformative truth that should actively shape our lives now. Knowing that this world is temporary and that a new, eternal world is coming should influence our priorities, values, and actions. Matthew 24:35 reminds us, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Our hope is not in the things of this world but in the eternal Word of God and the promises He has made. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, we are given a vivid description of the Lord's return. The dead in Christ will rise, and those who are alive will be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air. This is our blessed hope. In preparation for this grand event, we should be prayerful and committed to the Lord's work, knowing that our labor is not in vain. Let's live with eternity in mind.

Discussion:

1. How does the promise of Christ's return influence your daily decisions and priorities?
2. In what ways can we better share the hope of Christ's return with others?

Closing Prayer:

Pray for an eternal perspective, diligence in faith, and a heart that longs for Christ's return. Ask for courage and guidance in sharing this hope with others.