

Anticipating Christ's Return – 2 Timothy 4:8

Paul's Final Words: Lessons Learned from a Life Well-Lived

Message Discussion Guide

Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4.
 - How is the word 'crown' used in these verses?
 - What are the rewards/gifts these verses tell us we should look forward to?
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.
 - What does it mean to run in such a way to win the prize?
 - What is the difference between a perishable and an imperishable crown? What do these two crowns represent?
 - How does Paul discipline his own body?
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- Read Titus 2:11-13.
 - According to these three verses, how do we wait for the appearing of Jesus?
 - Why is the return of the Lord called our blessed hope?
- Read Revelation 22:20.
 - What is the attitude of the writer of Revelation when he writes, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Respond

- How should the attitude of a Christ-follower differ from the attitude of those who do not know Christ during this pandemic or any other difficult time?
- How can a person increase their love, anticipation, and desire for the return of Christ?

Bonus for Thinkers

- Who are the twenty-four elders who cast their crowns before Jesus in Revelation 4:10? Why do they all have crowns? Why do the crowns appear to be identical in number if not in description?