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Is the End of
the World Near?

2020 | Part 1

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1. There are lots of _____, but only one _____.

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3. There are lots of _____, but what matters is the _____.



WEEKEND REVIEW

1. Think of a significant event that is approaching. It could be a family vacation, a child's college education, or even your own retirement. What are some things you can do to prepare for that day? If you did not prepare, what would be the consequences? Why might a person avoid preparing for that day?

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

Read Matthew 24:4-8.

2. What are some characteristics of the Church Age? How might the disciples have experienced some of those? How have we experienced them today?

Read Matthew 24:9-14.

3. Christians in the United States rarely experience the persecution that believers in other parts of the world endure. How would our church be affected if persecution against Christians (Verses 9 and 12) took place in our region?

Read Matthew 13:24-30.

4. According to Jesus, what do the field, the sower, the seed, the wheat, and the weeds represent? What do the weeds in the field tell us about life in Christ's Kingdom?

OIKOCENTRIC LIVING

5. How would you answer the question, "How can I know if I am truly saved?"
6. Is it easy to be so preoccupied with the evil in the world that you become less focused on your personal mission to your oikos? How do these passages reinforce our need to pursue our personal growth through God's Word as we anticipate Christ's return? What challenges are we facing right now that make it difficult for us to remain focused, either on our mission or our growth?
7. As believers, we eagerly wait for Jesus' return. As you look at the "Purposeful" group on your Oikos Card, how can we encourage each other to remain faithful to Christ as we live inside the turmoil of a fallen world?