

City Nights

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DATE

October 15th, 2025

SERIES

The Weird Stuff: Week Two

BEFORE GROUP

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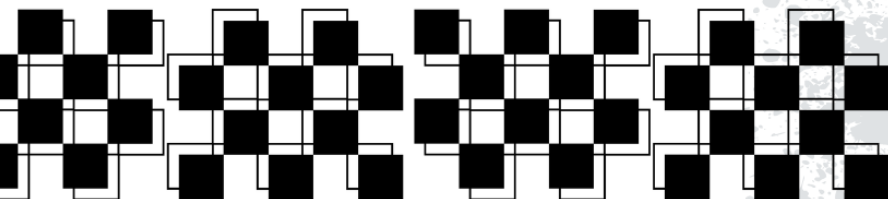
Prophecy shows us that God speaks into our lives to guide, challenge, and prepare us to live faithfully, courageously, and with hope, even when life feels confusing.

SCRIPTURE:

- Ezekiel 4
- Daniel 7
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Isaiah 53

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that prophecy is God speaking into real situations to guide His people, to call us to pay attention, and urge us to make a faithful choice to trust Him.



THINK ABOUT THIS:

This week wraps up our series, *The Weird Stuff* by exploring one of the most talked-about parts of the Bible: the end times. The goal is to help students see that Revelation isn't meant to scare them with strange visions or beasts, but to give hope and perspective. While the book contains intense imagery, the central message is restoration, not destruction. Revelation 21:1–4 reminds us that God's ultimate plan is good: a new heaven and a new earth where pain, mourning, and death are gone, and God dwells with His people. The "weird" imagery points toward God's ultimate victory and His promise to make all things new.

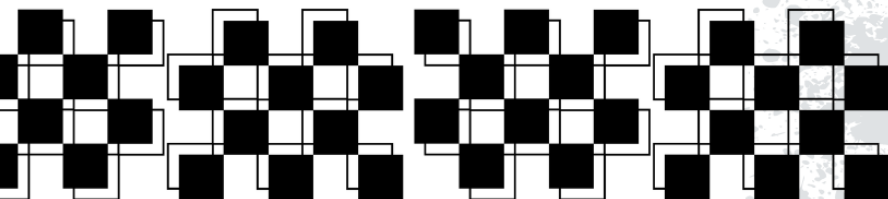
Another key point is that nobody knows the exact timing of Jesus' return. This can feel uncomfortable, but it's an opportunity for students to live faithfully in uncertainty. The unknown isn't something to fear, it's a chance to trust God's plan and act with love, courage, and faithfulness in the present.

It's also important to remind students that this world still matters. Sometimes people get so focused on end-times speculation that they forget their mission here and now. Jesus spent His life showing glimpses of heaven through healing, feeding, forgiving, and loving others. We are called to do the same. Encourage students to think practically about how they can "show heaven" this week through acts of kindness, standing up for a friend, or serving someone in need. This keeps the discussion grounded and applicable to their everyday lives.

Finally, reinforce the overall lesson of the series: the "weird stuff" in the Bible is meant to deepen understanding, build trust in God, and equip us to live faithfully. The end isn't meant to create fear, it points to God's restoration and victory. Challenge students to leave this session with hope, focusing on living faithfully, showing God's love, and bringing glimpses of heaven into their world, knowing that God's story is in His hands.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. The goal is to get students verbally engaging, NOT to get through everything in the curriculum.

DURING COMMUNITY GROUP



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HIGH/LOWS & OPENING

Begin with highs & lows from their week after they introduce each other. Really take this time to listen and ask questions to show you are interested in their lives.

ICEBREAKER:

What's one trend you think needs to end?

SCRIPTURE/VIDEO DISCUSSION:

(Some groups may watch the video to begin Group time and then break off into their smaller groups, and that's okay)

DISCUSS THIS

1. What's your first reaction when you hear about "the end of the world"? How does that compare to what the Bible actually says?
2. Revelation 21:1–4 talks about a new heaven and a new earth. What part of God's promise in this passage gives you the most hope?
3. Nobody knows when Jesus will return. How does knowing this change the way you think about daily choices and living your life right now?
4. The unknown isn't something to fear, it's something to trust God in. Can you think of a time when trusting God through uncertainty made a difference in your life?
5. Some people get so focused on the end times that they stop caring about the present. How do you balance thinking about the future with living faithfully today?
6. Jesus spent His time bringing glimpses of heaven to earth. What are some practical ways you can "show heaven" in your school, family, or friendships this week?
7. Why is hope such an important part of the Christian perspective on the end times?
8. If you focus on living faithfully today, how might that change the way you act or make decisions this week? Give one concrete example.

