



WHEN WE'RE REMINDED THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME

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SIX APPLICATIONS TO REMEMBER

① We need to _____ with those who mourn.

ROMANS 12:15

② Don't be surprised that the world _____ you.

JOHN 15:18-23

③ Self-defense, including the use of measured lethal force, is _____ for the New Testament believer.

EXODUS 22:2-3; NEHEMIAH 4:17-18; PSALM 82:3-4; LUKE 22:35-38

→ Use force only to _____ further violence or harm done to innocent people.

→ Use force in self-defense if necessary, knowing the primary goal is _____.

→ Do not use force in vengeance, spite, or in service of _____ justice. ROMANS 12:17-19

→ Finally, we should be known as peacemakers who _____ our enemies. MATTHEW 5:9

④ We should be _____ for those who would persecute us.

MATTHEW 5:43-45a; 1 PETER 3:9-17

⑤ Preach Christ in the _____ day.

PHILIPPIANS 1:18; 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

⑥ Let us _____ the return of the King.

2 TIMOTHY 4:8; REVELATION 22:20

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What is "the world"? Why are some non-Christians antagonistic toward Christianity?
2. Read John 15:18-23. How does the world today hate the followers of Christ? How does the world today display its hatred for God?
3. Read Romans 12:14-21. How are the instructions in this passage particularly helpful when it comes to living at peace with everyone? How would Paul's counsel in verses 17-21 help us to overcome our enemies?
4. Read Exodus 22:2-3, Nehemiah 4:17-18, & Luke 22:35-38. How do these passages inform us on the topic of self-defense, including when it comes to the use of lethal force?
5. Read Psalm 82:3-4. Does this passage (and the ones above) give the church direction when it comes to defending the children and elderly from an evil one who would seek to do them harm?
6. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. Until the return of Jesus, followers of Christ should be found doing what things? What are the things we should be on the lookout for?