

## **The End Vision Doc**

### **August 3-Sept 1, 2024**

**Tagline:** What happens at...(THE END) Of my life? The world?

**Focus:** Encourage the unconvinced to trust God, and to equip the already convinced to make the most of the days we have left.

**Feel:** Not apocalyptic, not fairy tale but a today look and feel

**Why this series now:** As people come back to church from summer vacations, we want to inspire them towards the mission God has given each of us to introduce people to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him.

**Response Areas:** Yes

**Invite Pitch:** Have you ever wondered when it will all end? It's not a question most of us bring up in casual conversation, but it's a question we all wrestle with. Why? Because "the end confronts us with so many uncomfortable thoughts, so many unknowns. Truthfully most of us aren't even thinking about it much until we've lost someone, experienced a health scare, or see videos of chaos erupting as we scroll. And the end of the world? That seems to be a hot topic of conversation these days for either the movies or the conspiracy groups. What's interesting is Jesus had some challenging and helpful things to say about the end...the end of our life...the end of the world...what it will be like at the end...and how to navigate your life today with the end in mind. So maybe there's something to asking the question - what do you think happens at the end? Join us this August.

**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 3:14 For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

### **Weekly Topics and Content Focus:**

#### **Week 1: Aug 3/4, What happens at THE END of my life?, Baptism, Ben**

Focus:

- Putting off your faith may cost you more than you think. Don't wait.
- Who we say Jesus is now shapes us and our eternity

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:13

#### **Week 2: Aug 10/11, What will matter most in THE END?, Andy**

Focus: Broader perspective: Preparation, purpose and people

Scripture: Matthew 25 (3 parables)

#### **Week 3: Aug 17/18, Is this THE END of the world?, Ben**

Focus: What should we paying attention to for what it means for us today

Scripture: Matthew 24

#### **Week 4: Aug 24/25, Why does THE END matter right now?, Ben**

Focus: Stay focused on finding the one  
Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9

### **Week 5: Aug 31/Sept 1, What will life be like after THE END?, Labor Day, Ben**

Focus: How heaven will be and bringing heaven to your earthly life today  
Scripture: Romans 8

#### **Series Goals: (low commitment steps to create weak ties for guests to engage)**

- 21 Days of Prayer

How will we measure this goal?

- 21% of our overall attendance
  - 3% increase from the average for August

% of average attendance for reference:

- January '22 - 21%
- August '22 - 17%
- January '23 - 24%
- August '23 - 19%
- January '24 - 14%

#### **Ministry Calendar and Holidays:**

August 6 - Intern Class Begins  
August 8-9 - Global Leadership Summit  
August 10 - Second Sat Serve  
August 10/11 - NextGen Promotion Weekend  
August 12 - Sept 1 - 21 Days of Prayer  
August 21 - DreamTeam Launch  
August 25 - Group Leader Training  
August 28 - Student Night Launch  
August 31 - Fall Groups

#### **Series Resources:**

##### **Next Steps**

- Top 5 Card

#### **Family Ministries**

Kids

- Books on Heaven
  - <https://www.amazon.com/God-Gave-Heaven-Lisa-Bergren/dp/1400074460>
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Invisible-String-Patrice-Karst/dp/031648623X/ref=pd\\_bxgy\\_img\\_d\\_sccl\\_1/143-9183537-8743910?pd\\_rd\\_w=PXHJ5&content-id=amzn1.sym.615d9037-0d71-4715-8421-5695fbf26656&pf\\_rd\\_p=615d9037-0d71-4715-8421-5](https://www.amazon.com/Invisible-String-Patrice-Karst/dp/031648623X/ref=pd_bxgy_img_d_sccl_1/143-9183537-8743910?pd_rd_w=PXHJ5&content-id=amzn1.sym.615d9037-0d71-4715-8421-5695fbf26656&pf_rd_p=615d9037-0d71-4715-8421-5)

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- <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/heaven-answering-kids-questions/>
- We will also point parents to our Start Here Parent Guide, equipping them to introduce their child to Jesus.