



Discussion Guide for “Stranger Things”

CataVision Week 5

Stranger Things runs on two things: nostalgia and a fear of the Upside Down. But is turning the world upside down really so scary? Maybe only to those who benefit from the way things are. The Upside Down could be a blessing to those who struggle for justice and hope in our day-to-day reality. How can we live upside-down lives?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

[Matthew 6:7-14](#)

[John 10:9](#)

[John 17:15](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Matthew 5-7](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you seen *Stranger Things*? How would you describe the Upside Down?
2. Review the beatitudes in Matthew 5. How is Jesus’ vision of the world ‘upside down’?
3. Why call Jesus’ worldview ‘upside down’? What does that imply about his perspective?
4. For whom is Jesus’ way good news? Who might find it scary?
5. Review Jesus’ prayer in Matthew 6. How is God inviting you to make a little heaven here on earth this week?