



Discussion Guide for “Home is Where God’s Heart Is”

I’ll Be Home for Christmas Week 1

Ever feel like the world's ending? What comes to mind when you think of the apocalypse? Fire and brimstone? Sun blocked out and moon turning to blood? Bad news... right? Wrong. Somewhere along the way, we picked up the idea that God is going to abandon the world and take us all away. But that's wrong! The good news is that God loves the world - and home is where God's heart is. What does it look like for us to love the world the way God does?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Matthew 24](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. When you think of the end of the world, what comes to mind? Why?
2. Have you heard of the rapture? If so, what have you heard about it? Does the idea generate any specific feelings in you?
3. Return to Jesus’ statement about his return in Matthew 24:36-44. How does this text teach directly against rapture theology? Why is that actually good news for us (and the world)?
4. When you consider God’s posture toward the world, do you picture love? Why or why not?
5. How does Catalyst’s insistence that God loves the world and refuses to abandon it affect how you approach the holidays?