

## 25 TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

### 22. The Second Coming of Christ

- *Truth to Teach:* The New Testament teaches that Jesus Christ is going to come back one day in glory. His coming will be visible and triumphant, and he will come to raise the dead and judge the world. Only God the Father knows when this may happen, but the church is eagerly awaiting His return.
- *Scriptures:* **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** > What three sounds will we hear on the day of Christ return? What do you think is the purpose of these three sounds?

Who is the first to meet Jesus? Then who? And where will we be?

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-4** > When and how will Christ return? To whom will destruction come? How are we different?

**Acts 1:11** > How will Jesus' return be like His ascension?

**Matthew 24:36-44** > What do we know for certain about the return of Christ? What can we not know? What are we warned to do?

- *Application:* Think about how anticipating the second coming of Christ affects the way we live every day. If we knew he was coming back tomorrow, how would that change how we live today?
- *Activities:* Make a list of things we might do if we were expecting a guest to come to our home. Think of the spiritual preparation we need to do in order to more fully prepare for Christ's coming.
- *Practice:* What can you do to make sure you are ready for Christ's return each day?

What hope can you share with someone who is convinced that death is the end of our existence?