

Y2K

- The buzz word leading up to the year 2000.
- Dates stored and computed in computers.
- The problem - year computed using 2 digits.

Y2K Attitudes

- Let others worry about it.
- The year 2000 is far away – there's plenty of time to fix it.
- AWOL

The 2nd Coming of Jesus

Are You Ready?

Jesus is Coming Again?

- Jesus Himself Said So

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2,3 (NIV)

Jesus is Coming Again?

- Two Angels at Jesus' Ascension

"Men of Galilee, they said, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11 (NIV)

Jesus is Coming Again?

- Paul

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” 1 Thes 4:14-17 (NIV)

Scoffers

- “First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” 2 Peter 3:3-7 (NIV)

When is Jesus Coming Again?

- "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
Matt 24:3 (NIV)
- “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” Matt 24:36-39 (NIV)

When is Jesus Coming Again?

- “Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief** in the night.” 1 Thess 5:1-2 (NIV)
- “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.” 2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)
- Dec 21, 2012 – end of the Mayan calendar.

Why Need to be Ready?

- “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” Matt 24:42-44 (NIV)
- Knowledge of what God wants from us.

Knowledge → Data Bank

- “And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of [that] way, he deferred them...” Acts 24:22
- “People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, **always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.**” 2 Tim 3:2-7 (NIV)

Knowledge → Application

- “Reward for goodness”
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Forgiving – The servant with debts (Mt 18:23-35)
- Laboring in the vineyard (Mt 20:1-16)
- Using God’s given talents (Mt 25:14-30)
- Etc, etc, etc.
- Knowledge → Action

Knowledge → Transformation

- “For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God **to fill you with the knowledge of his will** through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order **that you may live a life worthy of the Lord** and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” Col 1:9-10 (NIV)
- “...you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Col 3:9-10 (NIV)
- **Knowledge → Transformation → Action**

Readiness – Not Just What You Do, but What You ARE!

- “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to **live self-controlled, upright and godly lives** in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)
- “May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will **be blameless and holy** in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.” 1 Thess 3:12-13 (NIV)

Readiness – Not Just What You Do, but What You ARE!

- “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit, soul and body** be kept **blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thess 5:23 (NIV)
- “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to **live holy and godly lives** as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.” 2 Peter 3:11-12 (NIV)

Readiness – Not Just What You Do, but What You ARE!

- “But you, brothers, are **not in darkness** so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all **sons of the light and sons of the day**. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.” 1 Thess 5:4-6 (NIV)
- The place of God in our lives.

WHAT If We Are Not ready?

- “...This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will **punish** those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.” Thess 1:7-8 (NIV)
- “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to **convict all the ungodly** of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” Jude 1:14-15 (NIV)

WHAT If We Are Not ready?

- “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to **bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**” Heb 9:27-28 (NIV)
- “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may **receive what is due him for the things done while in the body**, whether good or bad.” 2 Cor 5:10 (NIV)

The Ten Virgins

- “At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. **And the door was shut.**” Matt 25:6-10 (NIV)

Do Men Heed God's Warning?

- "...but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it **you will surely die.**" Gen 2:16-17 (NIV)
- "**I will wipe mankind**, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them." Gen 6:6,8 (NIV)
- The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because **its wickedness has come up before me.**" Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV)

Do Men Heed God's Warning?

- "...therefore the Lord is about to bring against them the mighty floodwaters of the River -- the king of **Assyria** with all his pomp. It will overflow all its channels, run over all its banks." Isaiah 8:7 (NIV)
- "Because you have not listened to my words, I will summon all the peoples of the north and my servant **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon**," declares the LORD, "and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and scorn, and an everlasting ruin. Jer 25:8-9 (NIV)

Self-reflection

- “Do you go to church?”
- Parable of the Talents – weeping, and gnashing of teeth.
- The over-crowded church.
- “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to **all who have longed for his appearing.**” 2 Tim 4:7-8 (NIV)

Self-reflection

- Do I long for the appearing of Jesus?
- “Am I the One-talent servant?”
- “Am I the virgin who runs out of oil?”
- Am I ready for His 2nd coming?