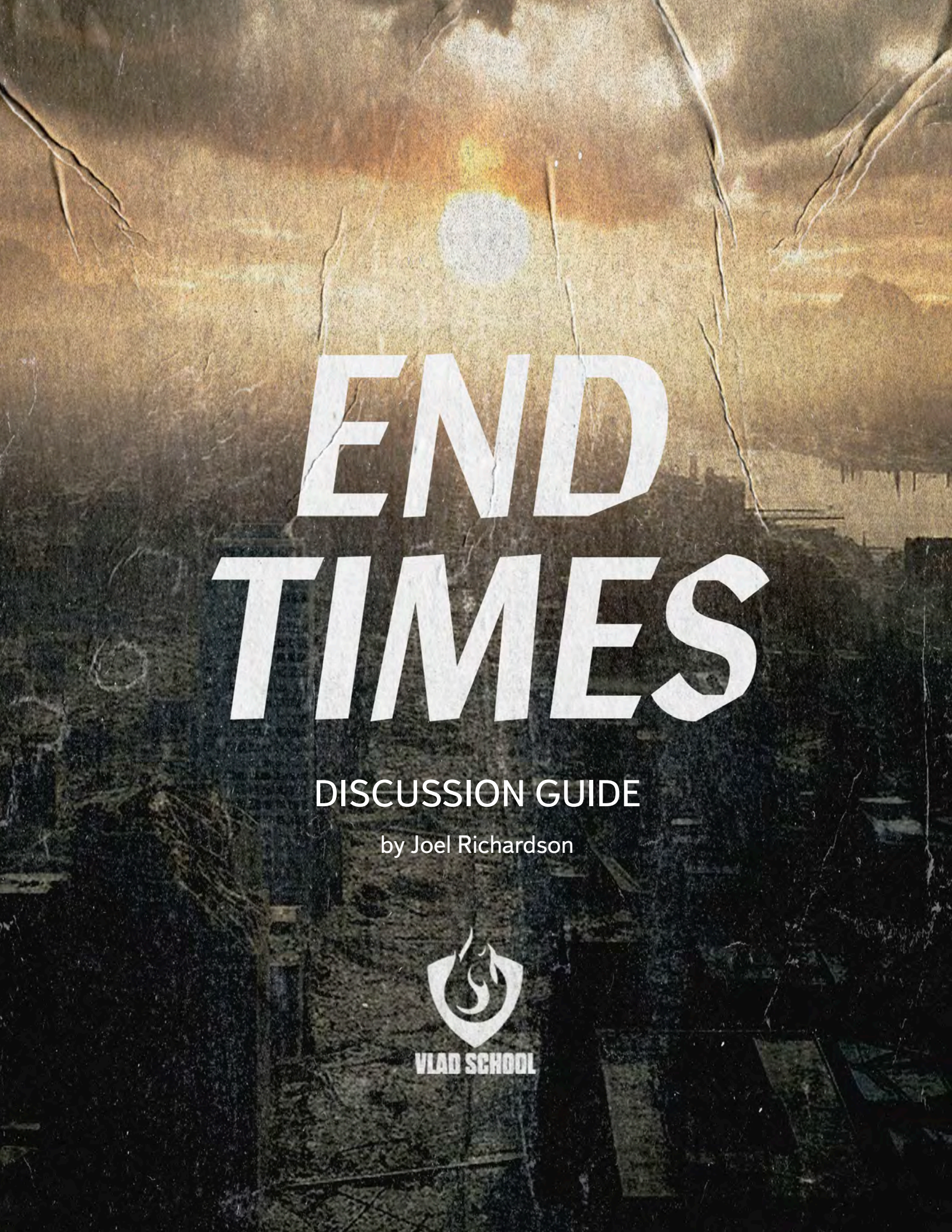
END TIMES
DISCUSSION GUIDE
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LESSON 1

Why It's Important to study the End Times

Icebreaker:

Do you believe we are living in the end times? Why or why not?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. What is the importance of "knowing the times" as a believer?
2. What does it look like for you to know the times?
3. Why do you think God has not told us when the end will occur?

Memory Verse:

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself (Philippians 3:20-21).

LESSON 2

The Great Tribulation

Icebreaker:

Do you believe there will be Christians on the earth during the great tribulation? Why or why not?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. According to the video, what did the Israelites understand about the end times?
2. Do you believe that you would be ready for this?
3. Why should the topic of the end times cause joy within the believer?

Memory Verse:

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

LESSON 3

The Seven-Year Tribulation

Icebreaker:

Do you feel like you know much about what Scripture says concerning the end times?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. Are the great tribulation and the tribulation the same thing? What does Scripture teach us?
2. What will the great tribulation accomplish?
3. How can you begin to prepare spiritually for the end times?

Memory Verse:

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth (Revelation 3:10).

LESSON 4

The New Temple on the Temple Mount

Icebreaker:

How much of the end times prophecy in the book of Revelation do you think will be literal?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. What is the abomination of desolation?
2. Why does the new temple need to be reestablished before the seven-year period?
3. According to the video, we are to be given over to the Antichrist for a certain period of time (Daniel 8:9-11). What are believers to expect? How are we called to behave?

Memory Verse:

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV).

LESSON 5

The Rapture

Icebreaker:

Has your view on the rapture changed throughout your walk with Christ? Where did you first get your view on the rapture?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. After watching this, how would you biblically explain the rapture and its importance to a new believer?
2. What two principles about the rapture does the Old Testament teach, that the New Testament expounds on?
3. Why do people believe there are two comings of Christ?

Memory Verse:

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:3).

LESSON 6

The Different Rapture Positions

Icebreaker:

How has your understanding of the end times changed over the course of these videos?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. Explain the four main views. Which view on the rapture makes the most sense biblically? Why?
2. Which view is repeatedly referred to and supported according to church history? Why?
3. What is the order of events as the rapture takes place?

Memory Verse:

But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone (Mark 13:32).

LESSON 7

The Doctrine of Imminence

Icebreaker:

Do you believe that the coming of the Lord could happen at any second?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. In your own words, what does doctrine of imminence teach? Is it biblical?
2. What are some of the signs that need to take place before Jesus returns?
3. What does “being prepared for the Lord’s coming” mean biblically?

Memory Verse:

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25:13).

LESSON 8

The Early Church on The Tribulation and Rapture

Icebreaker:

Have you ever studied the history of the early church? Why or why not?

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. Did the early church believe and expect that the church would face the Antichrist and tribulation? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that we could lose our salvation if we “fall asleep in our sins”? What does the Bible say about this topic?
3. What are some of the reasons why the Lord would let His children go through the great tribulation?

Memory Verse:

Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36 NKJV).

LESSON 9

Are We Appointed for Wrath?

Icebreaker:

*Read 1 Thess. 5:8-10. Is the following statement true or false? Because the final seven years involve the wrath of God, surely we must be raptured.

Watch Video

3 Discussion Questions:

1. According to the video, on whom will the wrath of God rest?
2. Revelation 3:10 says, "...I will deliver you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the earth." What could this mean?
3. Is the wrath of God already being poured out from heaven now? Why or why not?

Memory Verse:

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him (John 3:36).