SCC Small Group Study – July 30, 2023 Dr. Scott Koenigsaecker James 5:7-11 & 2 Peter 3:10-13

Getting Started:

	hat types of stories or books do you enjoy reading, and why do you think knowing the ding is essential in those narratives?
en	nen you think about the return of Christ and the end of our earthly story, what notions or thoughts come to mind? How does this perspective shape your current tlook on life?
<u>Se</u>	earching the Scriptures:
A.	According to James 5:7-8, what attitude should believers have as they wait for the Lord's return? How can this patience and courage be practically demonstrated in our daily lives?
В.	In 2 Peter 3:10-13, what does the phrase "the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly as a thief" mean to you? How does this idea motivate us to live differently?
C.	Reflect on James 4:5, 7-8 and James 1:21. What specific steps does James encourage us to take in order to stay connected to God and keep our souls clean? How can we practically implement these steps in our lives?

D.	How does Colossians 3:4 remind us of the importance of holy living and the impact of Christ's return on our lives? What are some "evil things" that we might need to remove from our lives?	
E.	Explore the concept of "cleansing confession" based on 1 John 1:9. Why is confession an essential part of our relationship with God, and how does it bring us closer to Him?	
F.	In 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, it says that we are "Christ's ambassadors" and that God is making His appeal through us. What does it mean to be Christ's ambassador, and how does this responsibility shape our interactions with non-believers and our approach to sharing the gospel?	
Application of Scripture:		
A.	In what ways can we use the spiritual gifts God has given us to benefit others and eagerly wait for Christ's return, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:4 & 7? How can you personally apply this in your interactions with others?	
В.	How can we effectively become Christ's ambassadors, as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, and share the message of reconciliation with those outside the church? What steps can we take to be better spiritual tour guides for others?	