The one-shot summary of the sermon series:
“The End” is all about the book of Revelation and the doctrine on the end times. Many people use Revelation for arguments, debates, and heated disagreements on what may happen nearing the end of the world. The Apostle John writes the book of Revelation as a motivation for the churches to remain faithful to Christ through persecution and tribulation in view of the end times to come. This book will teach us about the great tribulation, the return of Jesus, the millennium, the final judgement, hell, and heaven...but all of that is to motivate our faithfulness in following Jesus in the here and now.

CBSM Small Group Accountability Questions:
I realize these accountability questions are a little much for the beginning of an already short small group session time. So let’s encourage our teens every small group session to have a couple of accountability partners. I would encourage them to have a group of 3 - 4 that talk or meet together every week or two to talk about their lives, their victories, failures, successes, struggles, sins, and obedience.

CBSM Small Group Application Questions:
Conversation: Don’t forget the importance of letting your students come in, start conversations, you talk to them on a personal level, and after several minutes transition into the lesson.

Intro: Have you ever had a great idea for a huge party or event that you wanted to put together for a lot of people? Something that took a lot of planning, preparation, and work to pull off? You had and end goal in mind, and then you to work out all of the details? Tell your story.
Transition: In what ways was your event or party like what God did with creation and His end goal with eternity? Have you ever thought about God creating everything in the beginning with The End in mind? Do you see God’s purposes as bringing about The End?

Bible: Read Revelation 1:1-3. Pair up with 1 or 2 others in your small group. What is the main point of this passage? What does God seem to be telling you the most? How would you summarize it into a few short words? Share with each other, and then share with the group.

Jesus (Person and Work): Have those smaller groups read Revelation 1:4-20, Revelation 4, Revelation 5, and Revelation 7:9-17. Have them discuss these visions of Jesus, and what these visions/revelations mean for our lives today.

Sin (What, When, and Why): Read Revelation 1:3. From everything we’ve talked about so far this morning, what sins are we guilty of from not keeping the words of this book? What sins do we commit that prove we’re not looking forward to or living faithfully until Jesus’ return?

Life: Pastor Chip talked about how we use the term YOLO. But for Christians, we actually live twice and only die once. Non-Christians live once but they will die twice. In that case, if you’re not living for Jesus, then you’re really just dying. But those who are living for Jesus, are actually living. List 5 ways to live that are actually dying, and 5 ways to live that are actually living.

Scenario: What if you have a friend who tells you that they have a hard time believing in Jesus because they’ve heard about the book of Revelation and it’s so confusing, weird, and frightening that they feel like Christianity is just another freaky religion. How could you share with them about the major point of Revelation without getting all worked up in the details of everything else?

General Outline of a CBSM Small Group Session:
Listen: Let your class talk a few minutes and just listen to them, listen to their weekend, listen to their lives, listen to their week...listen to their hearts.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests before you start the discussion.

Accountability: Ask your class if they did their Bible reading, how their prayer life went this week, who they’ve witnessed to, and about their relationship with Christ.

Discussion: Ask the listed questions along with other questions that sparked in your mind during your reading. Don’t be afraid if they get off track a little. Listen to where their minds and conversations are going, and try to take a wide facilitating turn back to the Word.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests again, but this time ask them to be specifically from what you’ve studied and discussed that morning. Ask how yall can be praying for each other, and how yall can be praying for the student ministry through the passages. And take time to pray together!

That should easily take up 45 to an hour. If you have any questions...please let me know! Feel free to refer back to this email often. Let me know if you have any helpful suggestions for the rest of the teachers. I’m also attaching a commentary on the book of Judges in case you need it for more answers!

Only by His grace,
Pastor Chip