

Upcoming Solar Eclipse is Giving Churches the Opportunity to Spread the Gospel

Eclipse chasers are heading to Texas this spring to watch the moon completely block the sun for nearly five minutes. It's a phenomenon that one former scientist and Christian says is an opportunity ripe for evangelism.

A total solar eclipse is expected to take place on April 8 and the path of totality—the path where the moon's disk completely blocks the sun—will have millions flocking to the Lone Star State to experience the rare sight.

According to Forbes, anywhere from 270,000 to 1 million eclipse-chasing visitors from around the globe will join Texas' 13 million hill country residents.

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"During totality, which here in Kerrville is going to be 4 minutes and 26 seconds at my house, the sky is going to be so dark, like night," Jeff Stone, an eclipse enthusiast, known as the "eclipse guy", and former NASA employee told Baptist Press.

"You'll be able to see stars. Granted, you won't see all the stars that you normally do, but you'll be able to see the bright stars. And, in the case of this one... You'll also be able to see all the naked-eye planets, and I think that is going to be crazy cool," he added.

Stone once traveled to Mexico to witness seven minutes of a total eclipse and in 2017, he traveled to Missouri to experience two minutes of it.

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He and his wife will be hosting eclipse enthusiasts at their home from as far away as Sweden on April 8.

And they are not the only ones preparing.

Coryell Community Church in Gatesville, TX will be hosting a watch party that will include live music, games, food and worship.

“God is going to show us His power again,” Stone said. {eo}

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