

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What is the biggest and best surprise you've ever received?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Literary Context:** What is the main point(s) of the passage immediately before our section? What are the questions Paul is seeking to answer for the church in Thessalonica?
2. What is the Day of the Lord? (for further study see Is. 13:9, Jer. 46:10, Amos 5:18-20, Obad. 15 Mal. 4:5, Joel 2:1-2,11,31-32, Joel 3:1, 2 Peter 3:8-10, I Cor. 5:5)
3. How does Paul describe the nature and timing of the day of the Lord?
4. Compare and contrast how both non-Christians and Christians will experience the Day of the Lord? How are they both characterized?
5. What ought to be true of a Christian as they wait for the day of the Lord? How do we prepare for the coming of Christ? (see Luke 12:35-48)
6. Why do Christians not need to fear the judgement and wrath of God that is coming on the day of the Lord? What does the death of Jesus accomplish for us?
7. How can we recognize who belongs to the day? How can we pursue being someone characterized as spiritually awake and sober?
8. Who can you encourage with the truth and hope we find in this passage? How does it encourage your heart today?