

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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

Ice Breaker: What's the most dominant athletic performance you've ever witnessed?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** Recall the current circumstances facing the Thessalonian church we've noted in chapter 1.
2. In our text, what is the crisis they are facing that Paul sees that is necessary to address? (see vs. 1-2)
3. What are the two things big things that must happen before the day of the Lord? (vs. 3-12)
4. Before diving into the details of this text, what do you think is the point Paul is trying to accomplish by including this in this letter? How would this be received by a church that is suffering persecution?
5. Why is it not wise to try and pinpoint the man of lawlessness or spending much time on trying to interpret modern day events in light of this text?
6. How do we already see the man of lawlessness already at work? Where do we see God being opposed? What should our reactions be to those who reject God in our world, country, or in our own circle?
7. How can a passage like this encourage us when we are facing trials of various kinds in this world as we wait for the return of the King?
8. How does Jesus swift victory bring you confidence and assurance for today? What area of your life is it hard to see where God will come through and have victory?
9. What are ways we can display to the invisible forces of darkness that Satan will not be victorious? What power of Christ is already on display in us today?