

THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *Do you like surprises? Why or why not? What are some of the best and worst surprises you've experienced?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us of **four ways to prepare for The Day of The Lord**.

Introduction:

- **The "Day of the Lord" will come without warning** (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3). The Bible tells us that we can't know the times and season in which Jesus will return (Acts 1:7).
 - *How does the truth that we don't know the date of Jesus' coming help you live differently right now?*
- **The "Day of the Lord" will come without escape** (1 Thessalonians 5:3). The Day of the Lord begins a sudden and terrible era of destruction, and those who don't love Jesus will be without escape.
 - *How does this truth change the way you engage with those who don't yet know Jesus?*
- **The "Day of the Lord" will come without worry** (1 Thessalonians 5:4-5). Paul reminds the Believers in Thessalonica that they didn't need to be anxious about the Day of the Lord.
 - *How does Jesus return help alleviate some of the worries, fears, or anxieties that you might have?*

How To Prepare For The Day Of The Lord:

1. Wake Up!

- *Are you a "sleepy saint," or are you awake, prepared, and eagerly waiting for Jesus return?*

2. Clear Up!

- *Are you drunk on politics, health, finances, your job, your family, etc.? If you're controlled, obsessed, or consumed by something other than Jesus, what can you do this week to sober up?*

3. Straighten Up!

- *Are you using the resources God has given you (such as the armor of God in 1 Thess 5:8 and Ephesians 6) to protect yourself? Or are you facing battle every day without the right protection?*

4. Look Up!

- *Ready or not, Jesus is coming. What do you need to do right now to be truly ready?*

There's nothing that you're enduring right now that Heaven won't heal.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will be ready for the return of Jesus and the events it ushers in.

