



1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Getting Started

What is something that you have been forced to wait for (or are still waiting for) in your life?
What do you feel like waiting does to you as a person, either good or bad?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What two metaphors does Paul use to describe the day of the Lord in vs. 1-3? Why does he use metaphors? What is he trying to convey?

Are there signs of the coming of the day of the Lord that you know of from the Bible? Why does it matter to understand these things?

Verse 8 is the practical application of these verses. What three things does Paul instruct us to “put on” in light of the certainty and imminence of the day of the Lord? Why? What do they mean? (Reference Ephesians 6:10-17)

Is the church ever in danger of living as “those who are asleep?” What are some ways that the church might be asleep in our generation? What do you suppose that Paul meant when he said, “let us be awake and sober?”

Prayer

Pray for any specific requests anyone has. Praise God for any victories, breakthroughs, or any good thing anyone wants to share.

Pray that God would build a great spirit of expectation in your hearts for the day of the Lord. Pray that we would stand firm in the face of the increasing darkness of our days...that we would be ready and awake for the return of our King.

As you go

Consider how the REALITY of the return of King Jesus makes you feel. Allow yourself to wonder why you feel that way? What are the greatest reasons why we as Christians should be praying “Maranatha” (in other words, “Hurry Jesus and return to the earth!”)?

