

**DGROUP
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**



**"The/A Great and
Dreadful Day of the Lord"
(New Year's Message)
Pastor Bryan James
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WELCOME Share what a "great day" would look like for you.

WORSHIP Read Psalm 34; Listen to "Ever Be" – Aaron Shust
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZDyMJhd4Bo>

WORD [Isaiah 2:1-11](#); [Matthew 24:42-51](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message. Why?
2. Discuss the message title: What is the difference between 'A' and 'The' Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord?
3. **Read Isaiah 2:1-11.** What is happening in the culture during the time of Isaiah's prophecy and what is God saying (through the prophet) to the people of Israel/Judah?
 - Do you think the culture in Isaiah's time resembles our current times? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe we are on the cusp of 'A' Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord? Why or Why not? (Note: Reference-Pastor Bryan shared many examples of 'A' Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord throughout the Bible and reminded us of his dream and previous message, "Jesus says, I AM coming VERY soon.")
5. **Read Matthew 24:42-51. (Jesus' words guiding us on how we are to respond to our current times)**
 - Who do you think Jesus is speaking to in these passages and what is he saying? Who is the thief?
 - Describe the heart posture/attitude of a "wise and faithful servant." What would they be found doing at Jesus' return? What would an unwise, unfaithful servant be doing?
6. **Application:** What do you feel God is personally speaking to you through the message and text? How will you apply it to your life (and the world you/we live in) right now?

WITNESS The Day of the Lord will be *great* for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and *dreadful* for those who don't. Take time go around the room and share a name(s) of someone who does not know Jesus and in which you are carrying a burden for their salvation. Together as a group, pray for these individuals by name.