

# Encouragement from the End

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- I. What is encouragement?
  - A. Fear of the unknown met with gospel encouragement for dying v 4:13
  - B. Fear of the known met with gospel encouragement for living v 5:1
  - C. To infuse with courage amidst fear
  - D. Encouragement isn't simply a luxury it is a necessity
- II. Why do we need encouragement?
  - A. Because judgement is near (1-3)
  - B. Because darkness is here (4-8)
- III. What is the source of our encouragement?
  - A. We have protection from the darkness
  - B. We have salvation from judgement (9)
  - C. We have life with Christ now (10)
  - D. We have hope in the tension
  - E. We have hope together
- IV. How can we encourage one another? (11)
  - A. Encourage Regularly
  - B. Encourage Committedly
  - C. Encourage Sacrificially



## Apply God's Truth

1. In what areas of your life do you need encouragement? What things get you down, overwhelm you, cause you to feel alone?
2. How does the fear of being judged cause you to be afraid? Think about God's judgement, the judgement of other people, and then the judgement of yourself?
3. What are some ways that you can encourage others regularly?
4. How can you draw near to your brothers and sisters in the church to both give and receive this kind of encouragement?
5. How has the courage of others encouraged and emboldened you in the past?
6. How can you sacrifice for others by encouraging them in Christ?

Habakkuk 1:13a

You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, ...