Faith Community Church
The Day of the Lord
(Standing firm, Part 9)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer**: Father, open our hearts to the certainty of Your coming judgment and the hope of our salvation in Christ, and help us live ready together.

🧊 **Icebreaker**: When you hear the phrase “end times,” what is the first image, movie, book, or feeling that usually comes to mind—and why?

🔑 Key Points

1. WHEN: We do not know *when* The Day of the Lord will come, so we must resist speculation and stay ready.

2. THAT: We do know *that* it is coming: God’s righteous judgment will end evil’s rule and establish His kingdom.

3. SURPRISED: Unbelievers live in false security (“peace and safety”), but believers are children of light who will not be surprised.

4. SAVED: Because we are not destined for wrath but for salvation, we are called to stay awake, sober, and live with expectancy.

💬 Discussion Questions

1. Did you Encourage, Get Ready, or Practice Waiting last week?

2. Why do you think people are so drawn either to obsessive end-times speculation or to complete indifference? How does the sermon’s key sentence help us find a better path? (Matthew 24:36, 42–44)

3. The sermon says the only thing more uncomfortable than judgment is the *lack* of judgment. How does the certainty of God’s coming justice actually bring hope in a world full of evil and injustice? (Obadiah 1:15; Zephaniah 1:14–15)

4. Paul describes people saying “Peace and security” right before sudden destruction. What are some modern forms of this false security, and why are they so dangerous? (Luke 21:34-36)

5. How does knowing we are “children of light” and “not destined for wrath” change the way we face the future compared to those still in darkness? (1 Thessalonians 5:9–11)

6. Paul calls us to stay awake and sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet of the hope of salvation. What does spiritual “sleepiness” or “drunkenness” look like in everyday life, and how do these pieces of armor help? (Romans 13:11–14, Eph 6:11-18)

7. The sermon challenges us to filter everything we do and face through the reality that Jesus is coming. What is one area of your life (obedience, giving, serving, relationships, priorities) where this filter most needs to be applied right now? (Ephesians 5:15–17)

8. How can we practically encourage one another with the hope of salvation and the certainty of Christ’s return without slipping into fear or speculation? (Hebrews 10:24–25, Galatians 6:9-10)

🛠️ Practical Applications

1. Obey. This week, identify one area of delayed obedience (a conversation, a habit, an act of service or generosity) and take a concrete step toward it today, treating it as urgent because the Day is coming.

2. Pray and Share. Choose one person who may be living with false security and pray specifically for them daily; look for a natural opportunity to share the hope of salvation in Christ.

3. Being Light. At the end of each day this week, ask yourself: “Did I live today as a child of the light—awake, sober, and ready?” Write one sentence of how you succeeded and how you want to try more tomorrow.

🙏 **Closing Prayer**: Lord Jesus, thank You that we are not destined for wrath but for salvation; help us stay awake, live ready, and encourage one another until we see You face to face.