



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 5/26/24

Opener (10 minutes or less)

Would you rather be able to talk to animals or instantly learn two new languages of your choice?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this passage and/or Sunday's teaching? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
 2. How does Paul describe the timing of Jesus' return? (v. 2) What does this tell us about how we should live?
 3. What is the difference between those who are "of the night" and "sons of the day"? (v. 4-5) How can we live as "children of light" in our daily lives?
 4. Paul uses the metaphor of spiritual armor (v. 8). What are the different components of this armor? How can we put this into practice?
 5. Is there a particular verse or theme from this passage that resonates most with you? Why?
 6. How can we encourage one another and build each other up as a group (v. 11)?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.