



MAIN POINT

Christ calls us to set our hearts on living for His return.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For those who have planned or taken part in a wedding, how much preparation was involved? What was the most frustrating part? The most rewarding part?

Other than a wedding what is something you are intentional about preparing for? How does your preparation impact your excitement about that thing?

> READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11.

What is the “day of the LORD”? What does this day represent for believers (4:13-18; 5:10)? What does this day represent for nonbelievers (v. 3)?

Why is it important to remember that the day of the Lord will come “like a thief in the night”? Why shouldn’t believers be surprised by this day?

How might being mindful of this day help us to passionately pursue holy living? What are some practical ways we pursue holiness in preparation for Christ’s return?

Paul says believers are “children of light.” How might seeing yourself as a child of light change your perspective on your day-to-day life?

What does sleep represent? What can we do to ensure that we are “awake”?

On Sunday, we were challenged to avoid the mental distractions that cloud our spiritual judgement. What most commonly distracts you from holy living? What helps you regain your focus on Christ?

What is the relationship between armor (such as a breastplate and helmet) and faith, hope, and love? Why do you think Paul included these three ideas here?

A Roman soldier was instantly recognized by his breastplate and helmet. How can Jesus’ followers be instantly recognizable?

Why did Jesus die for us (v. 10)? How does this understanding impact our pursuit of holiness?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How does a sense of urgency for Jesus’ return affect the way I live day to day? The way I relate to other people?

What would change in my daily life if I lived every day as if Jesus was coming back?

Accountability is one way that Christians “keep awake” and pursue holiness. Have I considered seeking accountability with other believers? What might this look like in my life?