

Study 6

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Objective:

1 Thessalonians is an encouragement to all believers to continue living lives worthy of God. It is a book that reminds the believer of the essentials of the Christian faith.

Opening Questions:

Do you like surprises?

Body of this Week's Study:

This week we'll finish up the topic of Christ's return in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. Paul takes a large chunk of the letter to talk about eschatology. It is important to explain why this is to students.

Text Questions:

1. Paul has told the Thessalonians that he does not want them to be uninformed (4:13). He then goes on to tell them about Christ's return. Clearly, God wants us (and the Thessalonians) to understand it. Why do you think that is?
2. What does it mean to be "sons of the light and sons of the day"?
3. Who are those "who are asleep" (5:6)?
4. Who did Christ die for?

Application Questions:

1. What are the implications of Christ's coming for us?
2. How should you talk about Christ's return with your core group members? Friends? Family?

3. How do people around you view death? Or life? Does your opinion differ from theirs?

4. According to Paul, how should our view of Christ's return shape our lives?

Creative Implementation for the Week/Spiritual Exercise:

Look up other verses that speak of Christ's return. Also, it would be great to see what Jesus Himself said about His return.

Memory Verses:

"But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet."- 1 Thess. 5:8