

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:5:1-11, then pray.

1. Paul says the “Day of the Lord” is both good news and a warning. Which side of that message do you tend to feel more strongly—and why?
2. The sermon described three kinds of evil: human evil, spiritual evil, and natural evil. Which of these do you find yourself most aware of in your own life or in the world right now?
3. The sermon said, “We don’t just need a judge. We need a saviour.” Why is it important that Jesus is both? How have you personally experienced His mercy or rescue?
4. Paul warns about people saying “peace and safety” while trusting in false gods or false securities. What are some things people today look to for peace and safety instead of God? What about you personally?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8 again. What stands out to you about Paul’s description of Christians as “children of the light” and “children of the day”?
6. The sermon described holiness as a battle, not something passive. Where do you feel that battle most strongly in your life right now?
7. The message challenged us not to “drift from holiness.” What are some subtle ways people drift spiritually over time? Have you experienced this before?
8. The sermon compared holiness to sleep—we can’t force it, but we can posture ourselves to receive it. What spiritual practices or habits help you stay open to the work of the Holy Spirit?
9. Paul says we should put on “faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.” Which of those—faith, love, or hope—do you most need strengthened right now?
10. The sermon emphasized that waiting for Jesus’ return is not wasted time, but formation time. How might God be using your current season of waiting to shape you more into the image of Christ?