Avon Grove Church OF THE NAZARENE

"Living out the mission of Jesus – together."

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDE

"The Last Day"

John 12:44–50 · Sermon of November 8, 2026

SUNDAY IN A SENTENCE

One day every one of us will stand before God. Jesus warns that the day is coming, but the One we will stand before is the very One who came to save us. So we don't wait for tomorrow to do what God is calling us to do today.

Live today in light of the day that is coming.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

📖 **Read together:** John 12:42–50

★ **Short on time?** Use the starred question in each section.

⏱ About 30 minutes

Open Up

- What is something you have prepared carefully for, like a trip, a big event, or retirement? What did that preparation involve?

1 A Day Is Coming John 12:35–43, 48

> ***What we heard:*** *Many believed in Jesus but stayed quiet, "for they loved human praise more than praise from God" (John 12:43). They knew the truth but kept waiting for a better time to respond.*

★ Where do you feel the pull to care more about what people think than about what God thinks?

- Why is it so easy to live as though tomorrow is guaranteed? What does that look like in everyday life?

2 A Savior Has Come John 12:44–47

> ***What we heard:*** *"I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47). The One we will stand before is the One who came to rescue us.*

- Jesus said that whoever sees Him sees the Father (v. 45). What does Jesus show you about the heart of God?

★ When you think about standing before God, where does your confidence rest? Why does it matter that it rests in Christ and not in how well we have done?

- "We don't pursue holiness to earn God's love. We pursue holiness because we've experienced His love." Where have you seen grace change what you want for your life?

3 Today Is the Day to Respond John 12:47–50

> ***What we heard:*** *"Delayed obedience can become a way of resisting God without ever admitting that we're resisting Him."*

★ Why do we postpone the things we already know God is asking of us?

- James 1:22 calls us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. What helps you move from hearing to doing?

> **A MINUTE OF QUIET**
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> **If you knew you would stand before God tomorrow, what would you change about how you live today?**
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> Is there something to confess, a relationship to repair, a conversation to have, or bitterness to release?
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> ***Leader:*** *Give a full minute of silence. Let people answer privately, and invite sharing only if someone wants to. Someone in the room may be grieving or carrying something heavy.*

GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

Mon **John 3:16–21** · Light has come into the world

Tue **Romans 8:1–11** · No condemnation in Christ

Wed **2 Corinthians 5:1–10** · We will all appear before Christ

Thu **James 1:22–25** · Doers of the Word

Fri **John 6:35–40** · Raised up at the last day

YOUR NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

Each morning, ask God: ***"What do You want me to change today?"***

Write down the first thing that comes to mind, and take one step on it before the week ends.

Before you leave: share your step with one person in the group and ask them to check in with you.

NOTES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Close in Prayer

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24