SERMON NOTES

ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11
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I. _____ that the Lord will deal with all evil in the future. It will start unexpectedly in a time of great peace. (1-5)

II. _____ obediently and righteously, putting on the armor of God. (6-8)

III. _____ before your Savior, Jesus, and celebrate your salvation and eternal life. (9-11)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Remember that the Lord will deal with all evil in the future. It will start unexpectedly in a time of great peace; Live obediently and righteously, putting on the armor of God; Bow before your Savior, Jesus, and celebrate your salvation and eternal life.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and answer the following questions:

1. Using Zephaniah 1:15-18 and Acts 2:18-21, what is a definition for "The Day of the Lord"?

2. How does "The Day of the Lord" impact your view of God? Without understanding what's to come, what aspects of God's character can be overlooked?

3. Please explain the difference between people of the light and people of the darkness. Why does God make sure that people of the light are aware of what's to come?

4. Paul says, "Let US not sleep as others do." What are ways we "sleep" while living in this broken, sinful, selfish world? How does that affect our relationship with the Lord?

5. In verse 8, Paul calls for believers to put on spiritual armor. Please explain how each of the two pieces of armor keeps us sober.

6. According to verses 9-10, what is our motivation for staying awake and sober? What are obstacles to paying attention to these truths in our daily lives?

7. Encouraging and building up requires looking for blessing and clinging to reality. What blessings do you see from the Lord in this passage?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

What is one thing from this passage that you will apply to your life—in your actions, thoughts, or desires—to better center your worship on the Lord?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, November 16 // Zephaniah 1:14-18
"Day of the Lord" will bring Wrath for Most

Tuesday, November 17 // Acts 2:14-21
"Day of the Lord" brings Salvation for Some

Wednesday, November 18 // Matthew 24:36-44
"Day of the Lord" will Come Like a Thief

Thursday, November 19 // 1 Timothy 4:1-8
Many Deceptions, Stay True to the Word

Friday, November 20 // 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Transformational Leadership