



C O N T R A S T

A STUDY IN 1 THESSALONIANS

Live Ready for Jesus' Return November 3, 2024 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

1. Icebreaker: When you know you'll be leaving for a long trip, how far in advance do you pack? Are you a packing "minimalist" or do you pack for every possible contingency?
2. Why is it important to remember that Jesus Christ is coming back someday? How often do you think about Jesus' return?
3. "Truth about Jesus' return is more about fueling our formation than about fostering speculation." Why is this statement important to keep in mind?
4. How does 1 Thess 5:1-11 tell us to live in a way that's prepared for Christ's return? Straight from this passage, try and find at least 4-5 ways Jesus' return should impact the way you live now.
5. Select one or two of these responses from the previous question. Practically speaking, what might it look like for you to live this way, this coming week?
6. Read the following passages. What do they say about how to live ready for Jesus' return?
 - Mark 13:26-37
 - 1 Peter 4:7-11
 - 2 Peter 3:10-14
7. Read 1 Thess 5:9-10, then answer the following questions: What has Jesus saved us from? What has Jesus saved us for?
8. Read 1 Thess 5:11. Based on what you've learned from this passage, what is one way you can encourage someone else or build them up in light of Jesus' return?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
10. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?