Week 7 – Waiting for the Son: 1 Thessalonians Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-12

Discussion:

1. Does Paul's word about Christ coming as "a thief in the night" (at an unknown time) allay or stir up fear? Why" How does Paul's analogy of night and day speak to this fear?

2. How do "faith, love and hope" (1:3, 4:8) sum up what it means to "belong to the day"?

3. How would you explain to new Christians the need to be prepared for the second coming but not panicky about it?

4. How is the reality of Christ's return to be an encouragement to you? When does it seem like a threat?

5. How can you as a group better help one another to put on faith, love and hope?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.