



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Thessalonians 5v1-11 – **Are you ready?**

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GETTING STARTED (v1-3)

If you knew that Jesus was coming back tomorrow how would that change the way you live today?

Why does God not want us to know the exact day? See v1 / Mark 13v32 and Acts 1v7

How does the OT describe the day of the Lord? See Is 13v6-11...

What 2 pictures does Paul give us in v2-3 to help us understand the 'day of the Lord'. What are the similarities and what are the differences?

1) BE READY... BY BEING IN THE LIGHT (v4-5)

How does Jesus develop the picture of Jesus returning like a thief and what assurances do we find in there for the Christian?

What does it mean to be children of the day? See John 8v12...

2) BE READY... BY BEING AWAKE (v6-7)

Chat about the contrast in these few verses...

Why do you think Paul uses those particular images...

What's the difference between waiting and watching? How does that challenge you as you live in light of Christ's return?

3) BE READY... BY GETTING UP AND GETTING DRESSED (v8-11)

Talk about the clothes that Paul says are suitable for the Christians journey... What does this tell you about what to expect?

How do we put on faith, love and hope?

What is the goal of Christian hope?

How can we take v11 more seriously in the days ahead?

Meditate on the words of Peter below...

1 Peter 3v10-12: *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.*