

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

1. Paul's use of "times and seasons" echoes language from Jesus at what dramatic event? (See Acts 1:7)
2. Can we know when that day will be?
3. Where else does Jesus use this kind of language (including the "thief in the night" imagery) to talk about End Times events?
4. Does the "thief in the night" imagery refer to the manner/means or timing of Christ's return?
5. How does Paul describe the Day of the Lord, and what will it be like for those who are unbelievers?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

6. How does Paul use the imagery of "day" and "night" to describe the Christian's life verses the unbeliever's life?
7. Does Paul use "sleep" here in the same way that he did in our last passage in 1 Thessalonians 4? How is he using it here?
8. Is Paul saying we should abstain from all alcohol? How is he using the ideas of "drunk" verses "sober?"

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

9. How does Paul equip the Thessalonians (and us) for the challenges of our day to day lives?
10. What hope do we have when we look to the Day of the Lord?
11. How can we use this passage to accomplish Paul's instruction to "encourage and build one another up?"