



Pod Bible Reflection Questions for the week of 9/18/16

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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Follow Up on Last Week's Response

- Do you focus more on what you are doing or on who you are becoming? Does God care about one more than the other?
- What commitment can you make this week to be still and know God?
- How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Read the Passage(s): 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Introduction

- How do people seek peace and safety in worldly things?
- What is a challenge for you in encouraging other people?

What Does it Say? (Context? Who? What? Where? How? Why? When?)

- What is "the day of the Lord?" What "times and dates" is Paul referring to? (vs. 1-3)
- Why will "the day of the Lord" be a surprise to many? (vs. 1-5)
- What does "darkness" and "light" and "night" and "day" represent? (vs. 4-5)
- Who are the "children of the light" or "children of the day?" (vs. 4-8)
- Define being "awake and sober." (vs. 6,8)
- What are faith, love and hope? What does putting them on signify? (vs.8)
- What are God's people appointed for? Why? (vs. 9-10)
- "Therefore," in light of these realities, what should God's people keep doing for each other? (vs. 11)

What does it Mean?

- How can we remain "awake and sober" while being tempted to be spiritually complacent? (vs. 4-6)
- Why are faith and love a breastplate, and the hope of salvation a helmet? (vs.8)
- How can we put on faith, love and hope and keep them on in a very fearful world? (vs. 4-11)
- How can we encourage and build others up? Give examples. (vs. 11)

What Will We Do?

- How will you encourage and build up a sister or brother in Christ this week?
- How will you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Pray Together about What God is Inviting Us to Do