

# *Sermon Discussion Guide*

*Living for Christ's Coming*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

## *Certain of Christ's coming (1-3)*

Matt 24:42-44; Lk 12:39; 2 Pet 3:10; Rev 3:3; 16:15; 2 Thess 1:9

- What does Paul mean when he says they have no need to have anything written to them?
- What do the metaphors of a thief and labor pains tell us about the day of the Lord?
- How is certainty of coming judgment different than the message the world proclaims (3)?

## *Certain of our present identity (4-8)*

Jn 12:36; 1 Cor 16:13; Col 4:2; 2 Tim 4:5; 1 Pet 1:13; 4:7; 5:8

- What two types of people does Paul speak of (5)?
- What are the two ways of living contrasted in this section (6-7)?
- How does our present identity calm our fears about the coming judgment (4)?
- What does it mean to focus on being awake and sober while we wait for the Lord?

## *Certain of our ultimate destiny (8-11)*

1 Thess 1:10; Rom 6:3-6; 8:9-11; 14:9; Rom 13:12-14; Eph 6:11-12; Isa 59:17

- How does our ultimate destiny calm our fears about the coming judgment (9-10)?
- How does the armor help us as we wait for the Lord (8)?
- How do the commands about one another shape how we wait for the Lord (11)?
- In what ways are we tempted to fear or lose focus while we wait for Christ's coming and how does this passage address those issues?