
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

15 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1. Urgency that is driven by fear is not originated from God.

2. The way to prepare for Jesus’ return is to live for him and his kingdom today.

3. You belong to Christ! So go, tell and show his love in the community of Rockford and around the world.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read the passages of scripture together as a group.

What has God taught you in the kings sermon series?

How is your view on the end times influencing how you live today?

How can that urgency help you to go, tell and show the love of God?