

## **Suggested Discussion Questions for 10/22/2023**

### **Message: Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 9 (1 Thes. 5:1-11)**

1. What thoughts and emotions do you experience at the thought of seeing Jesus face to face?
2. What are the primary implications of Jesus' return being like "a thief in the night"? (Check out Mt 24:43, 2 Pe 3:10 and Rev 3:3 and 16:15 to see what these passages add.)
3. What is the difference between immanence (could happen at any time) and immediacy (will happen soon)? How do these concepts help us understand the return of Jesus?
4. How does Satan use the promise of peace and safety to keep people from the Gospel?
5. What are some other passages where light and darkness are contrasted? What do we learn from them that aids our understanding in this text?
6. How do we cultivate a life that is awake, sober and ready for the return of Jesus?
7. How does this passage encourage you? How does it help you come along side others to build them up?
8. If you were to teach this passage, what would be your emphasis? Why?
9. What else would you like to discuss on this passage that hasn't yet been addressed?
10. How does this passage challenge you to pray for yourself? For others?