

Digging Deeper Sermon Review: April 24, 2022

Group Check-in

Open with prayer and follow up from the previous meeting. Feel free to utilize the following if they are helpful:

- Check in on past prayer requests, evidence of grace, and things for which to be grateful.
- How's your soul this week?
 - What's been hard?
 - Where is sin alluring/tempting?
 - Where is God at work in your life?
 - Where has God been good to you this past week?
 - Who are the unbelievers you are praying for?
 - Did you have any gospel opportunities in the past week?

Dig Deeper into the Sermon: Keep Awake! (1Th 5:1-11)

Have someone read Sunday's text. Consider working through some of the following questions as a group:

- Have you ever been distracted by times and seasons?
 - Do you know someone who is?
 - If so, how can you help them?
 - How did you get your focus back?
- What is Jesus' response to the disciples' concern about times and seasons (Acts 1:6-8)?
- What's your identity?
 - Where are you tempted to get your identity other than from God?

- How does our identity impact our activity?
- What images does Paul use to describe the return of Christ and what effect should they have on us?
- What does Paul mean that Christians are no longer in darkness?
 - What are the implications for the believer who no longer belongs to the darkness?
- What clothes does Paul tell us to put on to get ready for the Day?
 - What does putting them on look like practically?
- On what basis does Paul give believers assurance that the hope of salvation will be fulfilled?
- Do you find it hard to believe in the return of Christ?
 - o If so, you're not alone, but why do you think believing is so hard?
- Do you find it hard to be distinctive as a Christian in the world?
 - o If so, what needs to change?
 - o How can the group help?
 - o In what ways are you tempted to be like those who are of the darkness?
- Do you tend to think of salvation as a future event?
 - o If not, has this sermon adjusted your thinking? If so, how?
- How should the prospect of being with Jesus at his return shape the way I live today?
- How can you use the doctrine of the Second Coming in your evangelism of loved ones?
- What does encouraging one another with these truths look like practically?

Wrap up with Prayer

Consider ways in which you can pray for one another in light of the direction the Spirit has led your discussion time.