

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

LIVING HOPE: PEOPLE OF THE DAY  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11  
FOR THE WEEK OF APR 25, 2021

## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Our future reality must shape our present identity.

People of the day live with...

1. An awareness of the future that is coming. 5:1-4
2. An identity in the Lord that is transforming. 5:5
3. An alertness to the danger that is attacking. 5:6-8
4. A promise of salvation that is life-giving. 5:9-10
5. A community of believers that is encouraging. 5:11

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at your notes, summarize in your own words what Paul is trying to communicate in this paragraph.
2. People will proclaim peace and security leading up to the day of the Lord (5:3– 4). Where in our current culture do you see this assumption? Where are you most tempted to find peace and security outside of Jesus?
3. What are some of the things about eschatology that all Christians should agree on? Which of those things gives you the greatest joy?
4. What does it look like to “put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation?” What parts of your daily and weekly routine help you to stay alert for the second coming of Jesus?
5. How does Paul summarize the gospel in 5:9–10? How do these verses inform how I ought to interact with unbelieving friends and family members?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Does eschatology make you terrified or eager? Explain.
2. Where are the places that you tend to look to in defining your identity? What changes when you see yourself as a “person of the day” as described in this passage?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for confidence and rest in Christ's death for you (5:9–10).
2. Pray for increased boldness as you engage others with the gospel.
3. Pray Share the biggest takeaway from this passage and pray for each other in light of this.