

THE END: THE DAY OF THE LORD

1 Thessalonians 5

INTO THE TOPIC (OPENING):

When you think about the END OF THE WORLD, what thoughts come to mind?

INTO THE WORD (STUDY):

1. Do Paul's words about Christ's coming as "a thief in the night" (at an unknown time) calm you, or stir up fear?
2. How do faith, love and hope sum up what it means to "belong to the day" (5:8, see also 1:3)?

Think Q.U.E.S.T.: *Do you still have a lingering **QUESTION**? What is particularly **UNEASY** for you or catches your attention? Is there an **EXHORTATION** or command in this passage? What is the **SETTING** (historical/cultural/linguistic context)? Is there a **TRUTH** to grasp?*

INTO MY LIFE (APPLICATION):

- Of all the places you live (at home, work, school or church) where do you feel the need for more faith, more hope or more love?
- How can you be better prepared for Christ's return?
- How does this passage help you as you consider the future?