



HTC Small Group

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Ready or Not

Sermon Date: October 30, 2016

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4-5

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. Read 4:13-5:11
2. What are some of your favorite hide and seek memories?
3. When you think of the rapture, what images come to mind (from a movie, book, or something you heard)?
4. Why does the resurrection of Jesus help us believe in the resurrection of “those who have fallen asleep in Him?” (Vs 14).
5. Re-read 4:16-17. When you picture this moment, what do you see? What fascinates and/or confuses you?
6. Have you ever had a fear of death? If so, what about it made you fearful?
7. How does this week’s reading alleviate your fears?
8. In 5:2-3 the suddenness of the Day of the Lord is compared to a “thief in the night” and “labor pains.” Any personal stories connected to either of these?
9. Why do you think God leaves the timing of His return a mystery?
10. To prepare for the Lord’s coming, in verse 6 we are told to be “alert and self-controlled,” .What does this mean to you?
11. How do you “put on faith and love as a breastplate”? Why is it important?
12. Why wear the “hope of salvation” as a helmet?
13. How does the promise “God did not appoint us to suffer wrath” help you as you think about the end times?”
14. What do you need to do *more of* and/or *less of* as a result of this week’s discussion?

