

WEEK 11- FACING THE END

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. WAKE UP
2. SUIT UP
3. TEAM UP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. People have been thinking about the end of the world for a long time. What comes to your mind when you think of the end of the world? How do you feel about that day (i.e. scared, apprehensive, excited, happy, confident, unsure, etc.)?
3. The first idea this week about how to live in light of Jesus' future return was to "WAKE UP." Because the best way to waste your life is to pretend like it's never going to end. What do you think would change about what you prioritize and how you spend your time if you used the end of your life as the framework for all your decisions?
4. The second main idea this week was to "SUIT UP." It's entirely possible to go through life without putting on the armor that we already have in our possession through Jesus (faith, love, hope of salvation). The way we actually put on this armor is by reminding ourselves about what God has already said is true about us in Jesus. What are some things God says are true about you? What are some ways you can remind yourself of these things on a regular basis?
5. The final idea this week was to "TEAM UP." Being a part of meaningful relationships and tight-knit community are not "check-the-box" church items, they are essential to life. In a world where we naturally excel at tearing each other down, we should strive to be a beacon of encouragement as we build one another up. Who can you connect with and encourage in the upcoming weeks? How do you plan to build them up?
6. Waking up, suiting up and teaming up are not easy tasks in a world that is constantly trying to put you to sleep, break you down, and isolate you. What are some things that you can identify in your life that are trying to put you to sleep, tear you down or isolate you? What can you do to remove those things from your life?
7. What do you think it means that, in Jesus, your judgement day is moved from your future to your past?