

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2 Thessalonians

These questions are for the **February 21, 2016** sermon, "Man of Lawlessness". Please read the sermon passage (2 Thessalonians 2:1-5) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

Regarding the Coming Return of Christ . . .

1. **Do not be troubled** (1-2)
 - A. We will be gathered to the Lord (don't be shaken!)
 - i. Hold fast to your convictions.
 - ii. Don't let your mind wander away from God's Word.
 - B. As we await the Day of the Lord, we are managers of our opportunities and conversations.
2. **Do not be deceived** (3-4)
 - A. Open up the Bible and examine it daily.
 - B. 3 signs of the coming of the Day of the Lord
 - i. "The Rebellion." Apostasy; many will turn away from Jesus Christ.
 - ii. The Man of Lawlessness is revealed. The Anti-Christ will exalt himself.
 - iii. The Temple will be desecrated.
3. **Do not be forgetful** (5)
 - A. Review these prophecies regularly.
 - B. Remember how God is faithful. Every moment will come to pass as he says.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In what way are you troubled? How can you apply this passage to your life in such a way that you become free (or freer) from troubling thoughts and situations? If we allow ourselves to be troubled we become like a ship that is adrift at sea. No moorings, no rudder; just drifting. When troubles come, do you ever feel adrift? Do you quickly forget God's promises? What is the remedy?
2. Based on #1, above: As we await the return of the Lord, we will have many opportunities to tell others about the certainty we have because of God's promises and the work of Christ. But you never know which opportunity will be your last opportunity. Talk about missed opportunities and how to be make certain that we faithfully take advantage of every opportunity for God's glory.
3. Based on #2, above: Deception can come from many sources. How has your heart been deceived when you neglected daily Bible reading? How has your mind been strengthened when you prioritized daily Bible reading?
4. Based on #2, above: Review the "signs of the coming Day of the Lord." Discuss how knowing these signs brings peace and comfort to your heart, and helps you adjust your expectations.
5. Based on #3, above: Every moment of world history belongs to God, and is marching toward his appointed ends. God has faithfully warned us and taught us about what will happen, and about the signs of the coming Day of the Lord. Why do we so quickly forget? How can we become better at remembering and reminding our children and friends about what God has said about the coming Day of the Lord?