

SCC Small Group Discussion
Hide and Seek – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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Getting Started:

What place does the expectation of Christ's return play in your life? Do you think about it frequently or imagine what it will be like?

Searching the Scriptures:

- A. Has the two thousand year delay in Jesus' coming made you doubt the Bible or has it motivated you to live out your faith?

- B. Think back over your lifetime, how many times has the subject of the Lord's imminent return been promoted by a prominent personality or author? How has the fallout of that affected your trust in the next person who raises the subject?

- C. Why do you suppose that people love to forecast the date of Christ's return? How does the mystery of that event motivate you?

- D. Do you think awareness and speculation is the same thing as being prepared? If not, what is the difference?

E. What do the following analogies say to you about the second coming?

Like a Thief (1 Thessalonians 5:2, and Matthew 24:42)

Like a pregnant woman's labor pains (1 Thessalonians 5:3)

Like Noah's day (Matthew 24:37-39)

F. What do you think Paul means when he talks about being "clearheaded" (verse 6)?

Application of Scripture:

A. How could you yourself commit to being active in these days of waiting for Jesus by serving and sharing your faith?

B. What is one new action or attitude you would like to apply as a result of this study?