SERMON NOTES

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Keep Awake: A Study of 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Trent Thompson

Am I ready for Jesus' Return?

Our text today invites us to ask the question, "Am I ready to stand before Jesus when He comes back?"

1. Who am I?

2. What is the evidence?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 2. Read I Thessalonians 5:1-11. The Thessalonians wanted to know the timing of Jesus' return to be ready for it. Why do you think we are prone to think this, rather than staying alert at all times, is how we are ready?
- 3. Why do you think God chooses to tell us some of the signs of Jesus' return but keeps its ultimate timing a mystery from us?
- 4. If someone asked you the most important thing about you when you were 16 how would you have answered? How has your answer to that question changed?
- 5. Why do you think God uses the term "Children of Light" to describe our identity in Christ?
- 6. Which of the actions that mark a child of light in this passage stands out to you? Why? Can you give evidence of these qualities in your life?
- 7. What relational challenges have you encountered in the last year? How does having a right perspective on the purpose of relationships help you navigate what to do with those challenges?
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