

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 23-28, 2024

## “THE DAY OF THE LORD”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What's the single biggest time-waster in your life, and how can you redeem the time?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Joel 2:1-11 and Isaiah 2:12-22. How are the descriptions of judgment similar and different between the two passages? How do you respond to these passages of God's judgment? How do these verses create a sense of alarm and urgency?
2. Read Romans 3:23-26. How do you reconcile God's judgment with his mercy and grace? In what ways can understanding God's judgment help us appreciate his grace more fully? Why do you think many people reject the grace of God?
3. Read Joel 2:31-32, Isaiah 13:9-13, Matthew 24:29-30, Revelation 6:12-15. What sign do these passages point to? How do you think would such widespread disruption of the heavens affect people's experience of this phenomenon?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. What distinguishes the believers and the unbelievers when the Day of the Lord comes? What assurance does Paul give for those who are in Christ? How does this assurance affect your outlook on life and your approach to challenges and difficulties? Does this truth encourage you?
5. Share to the group the name(s) of your friends and loved ones who do not know the Lord and who you are burdened for. Take this time to pray for their salvation.
6. (Optional) Read Revelations 13:5-10. The beast here is the Antichrist. How extensive is the authority given to the Antichrist? How bad do you think it would be

during this time? What warnings and challenges are to the saints who will be there during this time? How does one get ready for this?

### NEXT STEPS

- I will take seriously the holiness of God.
- I will pray for the salvation of unbelieving friends and loved ones.
- I will live in light of eternity and not of this world.
- I will endeavour to share the gospel to those who do not know the Lord.

*Don't forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart of preparedness and faith to live for Christ in these “last days.”
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 24	Isaiah 13:6-13
June 25	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
June 26	James 5:7-12
June 27	Revelations 6:9-17
June 28	Genesis 32:3-13
June 29	Psalms 13:1-6
June 30	Hebrews 10:19-25