LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS   *2 Thessalonians*

These questions are for the **January 31, 2016** sermon, "When He Comes."   Please read the sermon passage (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

Regarding Christ's return, note . . .

1. **The repayment that will be made** (2 Thessalonians 1:6, 8b-9)
    A.   Those who oppose God and afflict his people will face is strong, eternal judgment.
        i.   Those who do not know God will be eternally punished.
        ii.   Those who do not obey God's gospel will be eternally punished.
    B.   God is perfect in justice.
    C.   Believers should never seek revenge. Allow God allow to bring His justice (Rom 12:19)
2. **The relief that will be experienced** (5, 7a)
    A.   Believers who trust the Lord will be delivered and comforted.
    B.   Continue to look for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.
3. **The revelation that will be provided** (7b, 8a, 10)
    A.   Believers will glorify the Lord at his return.
    B.   Believers will marvel in that day. Christ will return with power and fire.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We do not rejoice that many will spend eternity apart from God, but we do rejoice that everything will be done according to the will of God. Discuss this tension.

2. Based on #1, above: How does the reality of everlasting punishment honestly inform and motivate your readiness and passion to testify God's power to unbelievers now?

3. Based on #2, above: While unbelievers face an eternal repayment from the Lord, believers look forward to a day of ultimate peace, comfort and relief from this world's trials. What things come to mind when you meditate on the concept that relief from your afflictions will come when Jesus returns? How does this encourage you to face today's afflictions with faith?

4. Based on #3, above: If you are left alive when the Lord returns, you will glorify Jesus Christ. How are you aiming at that goal now? What can you endure better because Jesus is coming? In what way can you obey the gospel better because Jesus is coming?