

# Life in the Word

*Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson*



Sermon Series: **Hope Now and Forever**

Sermon Title: **The Coming Evil Dictator**

Scripture Passage: **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

**1) Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 together. Take some time to discuss with your group the ways in which God is working in your life from the truths of this passage. What really stood out to you? And why?**

**2) Looking more closely at 2:1-2, the Thessalonian church was confused about the “Day of the Lord.” They are described as “quickly shaken in mind or alarmed.” In our own lives, it is easy for us to have thoughts about the world coming to an end. Do you ever feel “quickly shaken in mind or alarmed” by what is happening around you or to you? Explain.**

- **Turn back to 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 and read this passage from a few weeks ago. What should our attitude be as we watch our world deteriorating? Discuss what this would look like in your everyday life.**
- **Also read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Is there anything that should encourage us as we sense the world falling apart around us?**

**3) In 2:2, Paul points out that false teaching was part of the problem for the church’s misunderstanding. He, then, seeks to correct this heresy. Read 2:3-4. What two major occurrences will precede the “Day of the Lord”?**

- **In what ways do you see evidence of the first occurrence, the church falling away from sound doctrine, in our world? How can we help one another remain faithful to biblical teaching? Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:21.**
- **What does scripture reveal about the second occurrence, the coming Anti-Christ? (Passages you may study on your own: 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Isaiah 14:12-14; 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7; Revelation 6:2; 13:1-18; 19:20; 20:10; Daniel 7:24-25, 9:27)**
- **Maybe more important for us, there is the “spirit” of the Anti-Christ. What is this? Read 1 John 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7.**

**4) Praise God that he provides insight to us about future events, giving us hope, encouragement, and perspective. And pray for one another that we will live with alertness, Matthew 24:42.**