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## Session 1: Absolute Salvation

## I Thessalonians 5:4-5

As children of God (children of light), we need to remember Peter's writing in II Peter 3:9: "The Lord is . . . longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." This series will help us discover key absolutes in God's Word and learn how to apply them in our daily walk.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read I Thessalonians 5:12-22: What “absolutes” grab your attention in this passage? Why?
2. How would you explain the difference between being perfect and pursuing perfection? How is this difference important in our discipleship?
3. After making a mistake and falling short of Jesus Christ’s expectations, what feelings have you had?
4. What has helped you in following Jesus?

God's pursuit of humanity is all about our salvation. We are not perfect—we will make mistakes—but we are the apple of His eye, and He has great plans for our lives. As we conclude this lesson, let's take a moment to pray for God's grace to be with us as we work toward the perfecting of our faith.

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## Session 2: Absolute Knowledge

## I Thessalonians 4:13-18

We know the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night (I Thessalonians 5:2; II Peter 3:10). “The Day of the Lord” is an interesting statement. For those who are following Jesus, this is a phrase of hope and reward. However, for those not following Jesus, this phrase means wrath, trouble, and destruction. Let’s dive into this study and discover absolute truths of the “when” in Jesus’ return.

## Watch the Session 2 Video

1. Explain how not knowing or uncertainty makes you uncomfortable.
2. Do you think we can know everything about God and His plan? Why do you think so?
3. How do you engage faith when it comes to the unknown?

Our eternal hope is that Jesus Christ is coming back for us. While we may not know everything about His return, we can do our part to prepare ourselves for the day when He comes again. As we conclude this lesson, let's take a moment to pray for a deeper passion and hunger as we make our lives ready for His return.

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## Session 3: Absolute Patience

## I Thessalonians 5:14

In this lesson we will discuss the importance and responsibility of patience—not with ourselves but for others. Paul challenged us in I Thessalonians 5:14 when he said, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.” Let’s take a moment to watch and learn about this thing called patience.

1. What daily occurrences cause you to be impatient? What is the root cause of your impatience?
2. Why would your coworkers or family describe you as patient or impatient?
3. What has helped you to become more patient with people?

Our time and attention are so precious, we often find our patience wearing thin. But Scripture says to let patience be perfected in you, that it may make you whole, lacking nothing (James 1:4). Patience is a critical lesson that all disciples must learn. Let us conclude this session by praying for patience and compassion for others.

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## Session 4: Absolute Testing

## I Thessalonians 4:13-18

In a world with so many different sources for information and worldviews, it has become increasingly important for God's people to know the difference between true and false, truth and deceit. Let's watch together and learn about the absolute need for testing.

1. Remember a situation where you were gullible. How did it feel to be deceived?
2. “Falsehoods were 70 percent more likely to get retweeted than accurate news” (Kari Paul). What are your thoughts on this statement? How might you be affected by this?
3. In the past seven days, who have you allowed to influence you? In what ways did this person influence you?
4. What will you do to continue positive influence or end negative influence?

We are called to be witnesses of God, yet how can we be accurate witnesses if we look to false information or are influenced by the wrong things? We must vigilantly guard truth and never let it go. We must test the voices in our lives against the Word of God. Let us pray for discernment and wisdom that we would stand in truth and seek out godly voices to speak into our lives.

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