



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Getting Started

What is the best news you have ever received (other than Jesus dying for you)?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What does Paul reveal is his motivation for writing these verses in v. 13? Is this still useful/relevant to us today? How?

What does it mean that “the dead in Christ will rise”? Where was their soul before this? How do you know?

Why does Jesus want to come do this? How will believers feel at that time? If you are alive, how will you feel?

If you’ve grieved the loss of loved ones, what was an encouragement to you? How can you actively press into those encouragements, so you do not lose hope?

If we believed the promise of Jesus’ return, what kinds of things would we be doing in the waiting? How can we overcome distractions in our lives that take our focus off of Jesus’ return?

Prayer

Pray for any specific requests anyone has. Praise God for any victories, breakthroughs, or any good thing anyone wants to share.

Pray for anyone in your group or outside of your group who is struggling to have hope. Pray Romans 15:13 over them - “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

As you go

Consider committing 1 Thessalonians 4:14 to memory. It’s an important verse that summarizes the good news about Jesus and the hope we have.

