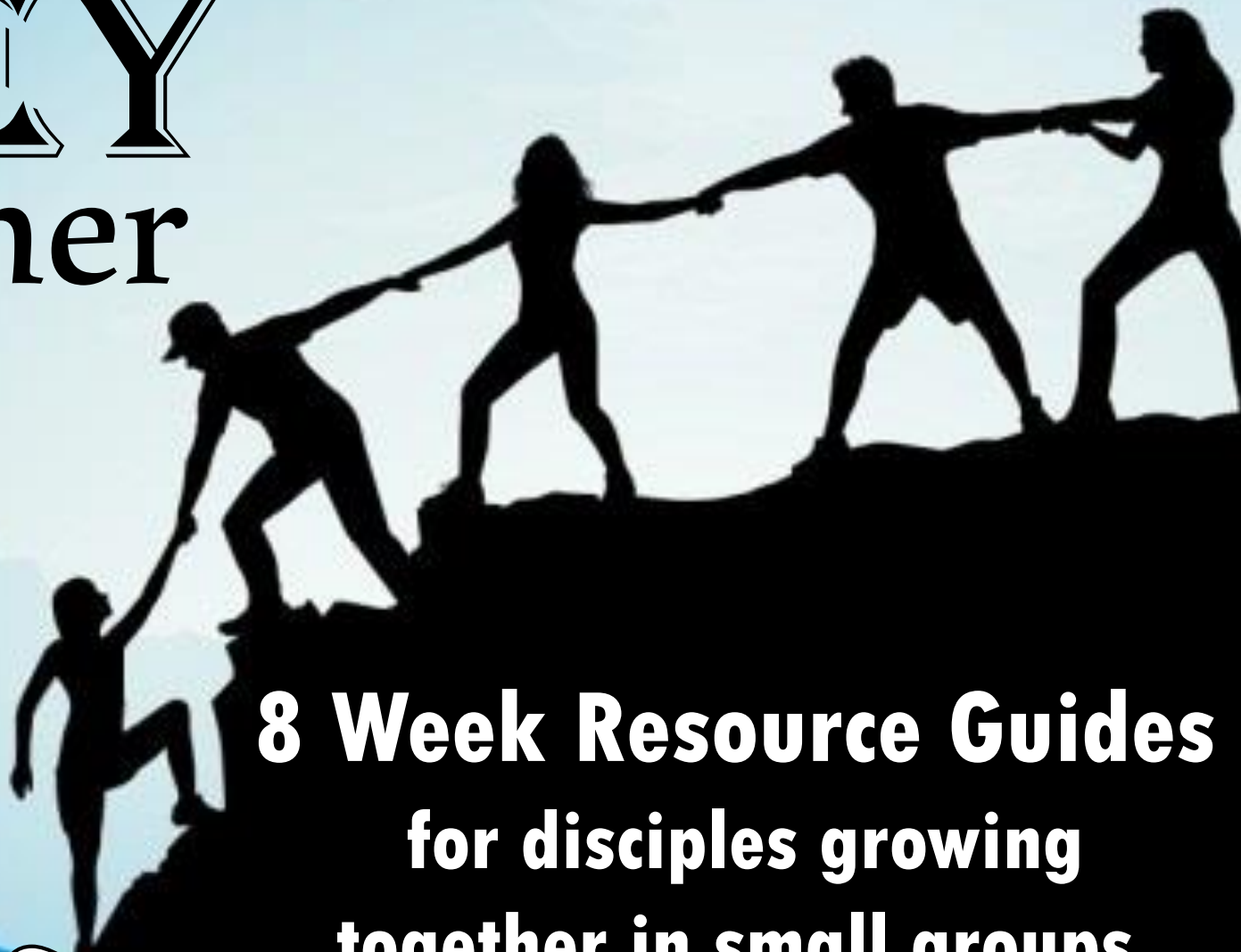



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LESSON 7 - CHAPTER 5

# Step 1: GET REAL

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**What** are you thankful for from this past week?

**What** struggles did you face this past week?

**What** can you share from recent personal Bible reading or thoughts?

# Step 2: GET FED

## READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:52-54

- WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
- WHAT IN THIS PASSAGE HELPS YOU WHEN THINKING ABOUT DEATH OR THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE?
- WHAT WAS PAUL'S REASON FOR TELLING THE THESSALONIANS THESE THINGS? WHY DO WE NEED TO HEAR THESE WORDS TODAY?
- HOW DOES KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN CHRIST RETURNS BRING YOU COMFORT YOU?
- HOW DO THE TRUTHS ABOUT OUR RESURRECTION INFLUENCE YOUR VIEW TOWARDS DEATH?
- PAUL SAYS IN VERSE 18, "ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS." HOW DO THESE SPECIFIC WORDS BRING US ENCOURAGEMENT AND *HOW CAN WE FOLLOW THIS COMMAND?*

## READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:8; 2 PETER 3:10-14; MATTHEW 24:36-37, 39

- AFTER EXPLAINING WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN CHRIST RETURNS, PAUL FOLLOWS THAT UP WITH THE FACT THAT NO ONE WILL KNOW WHEN THAT WILL BE. HOW DOES THIS MESSAGE DIFFER FROM WHAT MANY OF THE MESSAGES ABOUT THE END TIMES TODAY?
- 1 THESS 5:3 STATES THAT PEOPLE WILL BE COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY CHRIST'S RETURN. SHOULD CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS BE SURPRISED WHEN CHRIST RETURNS? (V4)
- HOW SHOULD BELIEVING IN CHRIST'S RETURN IMPACT HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES? SHOULD OUR VIEW OF CHRIST RETURN CAUSE US TO LIVE A CERTAIN WAY BECAUSE OF FEAR?



# Step 3: GET ACTIVE

**SHARE HOW YOU ARE BEING MADE HOLY**

**READ: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:17-18**

**ENCOURAGE OTHERS WITH THE TRUTH OF CHRIST'S RETURN**

**(1) TAKE TIME EACH DAY THIS WEEK TO THINK AND EVEN STUDY ABOUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT HEAVEN.**

**(2) TRY TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS BY TALKING ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHY YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN.**