



Resurrection Hope

Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on Easter Sunday

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NASB)

9 For they themselves report about us as to the kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NASB)

5 Now as to the periods and times, brothers and sisters, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NASB)

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. 15 For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (NASB)

8 But since we are of the day, let's be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you also are doing.

John 3:16 (NASB)

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

DIGGING DEEPER

Try to keep this discussion light and upbeat: If you planned your funeral/memorial/celebration of life, what would you include in it? Why?

Have you been to a service that you like more than others? Tell us about it.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Why should we as believers grieve differently than the world around us?

How does Paul use Christ's resurrection as an example in these verses?

If this is the hope we have, why do some believers still struggle when a loved one passes?

Is there any reason why the order matters: the dead rise first then those who are alive?

What are the reasons for Jesus to want us to be with him "always"? (Vs 17)

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

How can we remind each other of this truth every day?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

God saved us so “we will live together with Him.” If that’s true, how should we be living in this world?

In both 1 Thessalonians 4:18 & 5:11, Paul wants us to comfort and encourage each other with these words. How should we be doing this?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

