

Discussion Guide (January 7, 2024)

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Message series: *Things To Come*

Message: *Anticipating Things To Come: The Rapture of the Church*

PRIMARY PASSAGE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say 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. 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. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

“Rapture

“Church”

“Imminent”

- The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout
- The voice of an archangel will be heard
- The trumpet of God will sound
- The dead IN CHRIST will be raised up, followed by believers who are alive.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The teaching of the Rapture may be new to some. What questions did Joe’s talk raise?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58. Comment on what you noticed from the text.
3. Joe gave his understanding of when the Rapture happens. He said it is the next thing. In your own words, discuss your thoughts about the timing of this event. Do you have any scripture to back up your thoughts?
4. Do the following Bible passages shed any light on your discussion from above?
2 Peter 2:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10 5:9; Titus 2:13

***Dear God, whatever the time of your return for Your children,
keep us watching and ready. Amen***

Recommended for Further Study

- John C. Whitcomb: *The Rapture and Beyond* (Good and sound teaching. If you only purchase one book, Joe recommends this)
- Dwight Pentecost: *Things to Come* (A classic overview of all eschatology for serious readers)