

# 1 THESS. 4:13-18

WITH HOPE

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

## #1 GRIEVE WITH HOPE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. What did Paul mean when he said, "Those who are asleep?"
- What is biblical hope, and what is the difference between grieving with hope and grieving without hope?
- Read Romans 5:1-5. How does hope in Jesus change everything?

## #2 LIVE WITH HOPE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17. What did Paul mean when he said, "We who are alive will not precede those who have fallen asleep?"
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says many different things: what stands out to you in this verse and what questions does it provoke?
- Paul wanted the Thessalonians to be filled with hope. V. 17 says that Christians will be caught up with other believers in the clouds, meet the Lord in the air, and always be with the Lord. How does knowing that Jesus is coming in the future cause you to live with hope in the present?

## #3 ENCOURAGE WITH HOPE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:18. Why did Paul say to encourage one another with these words?
- Does knowing that Jesus is coming back encourage you or alarm you (explain your answer)?
- Why must we live with the understanding that Jesus could return at any minute, and how does knowing He is coming again keep us focused on the mission?