



## Life Group Questions - 1.8.23

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)**

**13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left 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 cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, 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 encourage one another with these words.

- 1. What was your top moment from 2022?**
- 2. What stood out from Sunday's sermon?**
- 3. Why is it important to have an informed faith?  
What are some steps you can take to grow in knowledge this year?**
- 4. Since Christians have such a stunning hope, does Paul expect us not to grieve (1 Thessalonians 4:13)? Why or why not?  
How should our hope affect the way in which we grieve?**
- 5. In what ways does 1 Thessalonians 4:16 correspond to the story of Lazarus in John 11? How about Ephesians 2:1-10?**
- 6. As you read Paul's description of your future in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, which words capture your heart most? Amid the clamor of archangels and trumpets and dead bodies being infused with life, do not overlook the end of 1 Thessalonians 4:17. Why is this the most wonderful promise of the entire passage?**
- 7. Ask each person to share one way we can pray for them as a group.  
Ask each member to commit to praying for those needs through the week.**

\* Questions 4-6 were taken from an article by Matt Smethurst.