

Our Certain Hope
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
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Questions - These are a guideline and conversation starter, not a script.

1. In v. 13, Paul speaks of those who grieve without hope with regard to death. What are the different ways that unbelievers respond to death? In v. 13, what is the solution to hopeless grief? What does it look like for a believer to grieve *with hope*?

2. In v. 14, on what grounds do we believe that the dead in Christ will rise again? What answers do believers have that we can give to unbelievers who are grieving death and life in a fallen world?

3. It appears like the Thessalonians thought that deceased believers would not participate in the resurrection when Christ returned. In vv. 15-17, What does Paul tell them about what will happen to both deceased believers and living believers when the Lord comes? Who will we see in the clouds in v. 17?

4. What do you long for when you think about the Lord's return for His people?

5. In v. 18, we are instructed to encourage one another with the truths of our future resurrection. What might it look like for you to speak these words of encouragement to others?