

Life Group Questions

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11)

1. How are the questions and concerns that prompted Paul to write this passage for the Thessalonians similar to questions Christians have today? What concern was Paul addressing?
2. What do you know for sure about the future return of Christ? What puzzles you about it?
3. What are the two foundational doctrines of the faith that Paul calls to remembrance? Why?
4. How is a Christian's grief over the loss of a loved one different from a non-Christian's grief?
5. What argument does Paul use to convince the Thessalonians that their loved ones will not miss Christ's return? How does this give us hope today?
6. What was the source of Paul's teaching about what happens to those who die? What do you think Paul meant by a "revelation from the Lord"?
7. What effect did Paul believe this teaching about the Lord's return would have on his listeners? How can talking about God's promises for our future encourage us in our daily lives?
8. What contrast is there between believers and non-believers?
9. What should we do to get ready for the Lord's return? How should you live in light of Christ's imminent return? Give some specific examples.