

“SECURE FILES”
November 12, 2017 I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. This is one of the problems when it comes to preaching on the second coming and the afterlife: It's like trying to describe the indescribable.
2. Notice Paul does not tell us to never grieve. Death hurts. Grief is an important spiritual, mental and emotional process for us to walk through. The important piece is we walk through it and not get stuck in it.
3. These facts are the foundation of our faith: Jesus lived, Jesus died, and Jesus rose again. Our hope for the future is not that we will never face death, but that someone died and came back.
4. The fellowship benefit
 - a. If we live and die in Christ we also rise in Christ.
 - b. We have an unbreakable bond with Jesus that even death cannot destroy.
5. By faith and by promise, we can dare to face the world's "asteroids" while serving God's kingdom now and forever.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Describe your picture of heaven.
3. What historical figure would you like to have a conversation with? Explain why.

Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18

4. Why do you think Paul pictures those who are asleep will rise first?
5. How do you want to be remembered?
6. How does the promise of resurrection impact your life now?

Life Practice: Take time this week to express your gratefulness for God's goodness and surrender your future to the Lord?