

KING OF KINGS MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

1 THESSALONIANS

Week 6: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Icebreaker

What's a TV show that's no longer on TV that you dearly miss?

Key Passage

1 Thessalonians 4:14

“For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.”

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 out loud. What stands out most to you? What's your top takeaway from this passage?
2. What ideas or teachings did you hear about death and the afterlife when you were growing up? What questions have you had about death? To what extent have you felt anxiety, fear, or worry thinking about those that you've lost?
3. How do you typically grieve? Do you allow yourself time to grieve?
4. Why do you think grieving is important?
5. Read Matthew 24:31. How does Jesus' promised return influence the way you live today? How does it impact the way you handle the death of your loved ones who know Jesus?
6. How can you encourage those around you who are grieving while we await Jesus' return?
7. What questions do you have about Jesus' return? What emotions does the imagery depicted in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 conjure within you?
8. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. How does this passage give you hope even in the midst of grieving?

Close with Prayer