

Sermon Supplement from October 22

Dealing With Death In The Meantime | 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Warm Up

- What differences have you experienced at funerals for Christians versus non-Christians?
- What are prevailing secular attitudes toward death in our culture today?

Dig In

- According to verses 13 and 18 what is the purpose of this section?
- How does the information given in verses 13-18 accomplish this purpose?
- According to verse 14 how does the gospel of Jesus factor into our hope in death?
- Discuss the correlation between lack of hope and lack of gospel in our secular culture.
- Discuss this statement: *What we believe about life after death has implications for how we deal with death.*
- Read verses 15-17 and discuss the following 4 aspects: Return, Resurrection, Rapture, Reunion. What do you think about the scene described here? How does it help you? What does it teach you about Jesus? The Future? Life and Death?
- If you have time, peruse 1 Corinthians 15 and discuss how this passage adds to our understanding of death and the future.

Apply

- Verse 18 gives us a practical exhortation to encourage each other with God's Words concerning death and the future. How might you put verse 18 into practice?
- What practical steps will you take this week as a result of this study?

(Bible Reading Guide and Resources on Other Side)

Weekly Bible Reading Guide – In order to help you engage with God’s Word and our Sunday sermons, we suggest using the exercises below as part of your personal Bible reading and study for the coming week.

Next Week’s Sermon Text - *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Study Exercises (*use as you have time*)

1. Read the text at least 5 times (in different translations if possible)
2. Answer some basic investigative questions such as: *What are important terms or concepts? What is the tone? What is emphasized, repeated or related? Are there significant comparisons or contrasts? What verses or ideas jump out at you?*
3. Make a list of terms, people, places, or ideas that you need to research further? Use a study Bible, Bible dictionary, or digital resources to help you understand these.
4. In your own words, what is the big idea of this text?
5. Consult 1 or more of the resources listed below. How does this expand your understanding of the text?
6. Apply It: What are the major points of application from this text? How does what you have learned impact the way you think, feel, or act?

Resources

- A good Study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, Faithlife Study Bible (free app),
- Video Introduction: Watch The Bible Project summary videos for 1&2 Thessalonians
- Study Guide: [1&2 Thessalonians and Titus](#) MacArthur Bible Study Guide
- Basic Commentary: [1&2 Thessalonians For You](#) Ligon Duncan
- In-depth Commentary: [The Letters to the Thessalonians](#) Pillar New Testament Commentary, Gene L. Green
- In-depth sermon series: Visit gty.org to find John MacArthur’s verse by verse sermon series on these two books.