

Hope To The End of Time: Facilitator Guide

Week 5: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, “Anticipating Christ’s Return”

Before you meet: Send out a reminder and encouragement to your ‘Ohana Group about attending group. Remind to attend one of the in-person services Fridays at 6:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am or Online Sunday mornings.

Be Prepared: Test out the video from the ‘Ohana Group Webpage by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night (discussion questions and facilitator guide). Read through the questions ahead of time. Videos and Material found at hopechapelmaui.com click on ‘Ohana Groups.

Suggested Format:

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Pray
- Watch Video (video 10-20 min)
- Discussion Questions (30-40 min)
- Prayer Requests and Praises (10-20min)

Leader Guide:

Please encourage your ‘Ohana to be diligent in reading through 1 Thessalonians throughout the week to study more in-depth this book of the Bible.

As you use this discussion guide, feel free to use as many questions or as little question as you need to facilitate your ‘Ohana Group.

Discussion Guide:

-Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, out loud together.

-PLAY VIDEO

‘Ohana Group Study Questions

(Hope To The End Of Time Week 5: Anticipating Christ’s Return)

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?

2. From reading, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, this week, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

A Deeper Look

3. What was Paul's intended purpose for the writing of this particular text? (*v.13- information & hope; v.18- comfort for those grieving*)
4. What are the facts regarding His coming return? v.15-17
- *Those who are alive will not precede those who are dead (in Christ). v.15, 16*
 - *Jesus will come with a shout and trumpet of God v.16*
 - *Those who are alive (in Christ) will meet Him in the air v.17*
 - *Believers will always be with the Lord v.17*

TAKING IT HOME

5. Regarding the idea that Christ could rapture his church at any moment, does that make a difference in your life today? In what ways could you grow or be more prepared for Christ's return?
6. When the subject of the Second coming of Christ comes to your mind, what are your feelings about it? Anticipation? Fear? Hope? Greater motivation to share your faith?
7. What did Jesus and the scriptures teach us about the attitude of a Christian when we see and experience the signs of the second coming of Jesus?
8. The Bible teaches that we have no need to fear death. The "sting of death is gone" because our life as believers in Christ will be with Jesus forever. What comfort does that give you this side of heaven?

HOMEWORK

Continue to read 1 Thessalonians this week and spend some time studying 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES
