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Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
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**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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1. Why does Paul start this comforting scripture by comparing death to being asleep?
2. What does it mean to "grieve like the rest"? What does it look like to grieve with hope (the way God intended it to be)? Compare and contrast the two grievance types.
3. How does death ignite the sharing of the gospel?

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4. How did knowing that loved ones who've already passed, will not miss Christ's return, give the Thessalonians hope? How does that give you hope today?
5. Read Revelation 21:1-4. How does it correspond to this week's message?
6. As believers, how do we encourage others by using this message? How does it encourage you and your walk with Christ?
7. If you could describe this passage in one sentence, what would you say?