

into  
LIFE  
Study guide



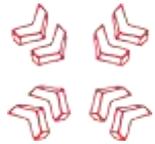
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11  
For Individuals and Life Groups  
June 5, 2016

## Introduction:

How does eternity influence how we live our lives today? How does the future impact the present? Join us for a six week study of Paul's first letter to followers of Jesus in the ancient Greek city of Thessalonica, and discover how we can "encourage one another" in the midst of challenging times.

Paul, Silas and Timothy writing from the city of Corinth sent a letter to the church in Thessalonica. Thessalonica, a city of around 200,000 was an important city in the Roman Empire. It was a hub for trade routes and held merchants from many different ethnic backgrounds.

## Into the scriptures



Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

The Thessalonians believed something about death that we don't see in the text. What "For" statements does Paul make to them?

What is Paul teaching about what will happen to those who have already died when Christ returns? What do you think the grieving was about mentioned in verse 13?

How does Paul describe the "Day of the Lord?" (OT phrase the refers to the time when God will judge the wicked and save his people)

What are Christians called to do in contrast to those who don't believe?



## Into my life



From this passage who do you think we can have hope? How have you seen a lack of hope expressed in your lost friend's lives?

From a spiritual perspective how would you understand "keep awake" and "be sober"?

Read 4:17-18 and 5:10-11. How do you need to be encouraged today? How can these words speak to your situation? (Pray for each other in this)

How will I be different this week because of what I've just read?



## Into the world



Our friends avoid talk of death because they fear the unknown. Who can you build a relationship with that needs this hope? What steps can you take in building this relationship?



## Prayer List



## Challenge for the week:

From 1 Thessalonians my challenge this week is to:



## More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/13-1-thessalonians-introduction-outline-and-argument>



## A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!



That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



## GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



## GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



## GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world