



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### Saints Triumphant November 14-16<sup>th</sup> 2020

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*<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.*

1. What is something about life on earth that brings you joy?  
(Someone write down the ideas for later.)

2. The story of Mary Magdalene experiencing Jesus' resurrection is found in John 20:11-17. List things that changed for Mary from the beginning of that story to the end.

3. It seems like the Thessalonians were uninformed or misinformed about what happens to dead people. Study verses 13, 15, and 17. What misunderstandings might St. Paul be correcting here?
4. Paul, like Jesus, refers to death as sleep. Come up with three similarities between death of a Christian and sleep.
5. Paul begins his encouragement by saying what we *believe* about Jesus. Explain the connection between what we believe about Jesus and practical Christian hope.
6. This is one of the simplest explanations of the end of the world in the Bible. What events will happen on the last day?
7. The Resurrection of the Body has been called the "crowned jewel of Christian teaching." For what reasons would Christians be so excited about the Resurrection of the Body?
8. Who are you most excited to see in heaven and why?
9. The best part of heaven is that "*We will be with the Lord forever.*" That is not the same as an everlasting worship service. The Lord gave us wonderful blessings on earth and he will in heaven too. Imagine the heavenly version of all your answers from question number 1.
10. Imagine you are at a funeral. Come up with three genuine encouragements a non-Christian could offer. Then use 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 to come up with three uniquely Christian encouragements.