

# Small Group Study Questions: The Second Coming of Jesus

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

### Section 1: Grieve Differently: Let Hope Shape Your Sorrow

- Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–15
- Read these Cross-references: John 11:25–26, 1 Corinthians 15:51–57, Revelation 14:13
- **Reflection Questions:**
  - What does Paul want the Thessalonians to understand?
  - How does the resurrection of Jesus provide hope?
  - Why is Christian grief different?

### Section 2: Live expectantly: Let Eternity Reshape our Daily Life

- Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18
- Cross-references: Matthew 24:30–31, Revelation 11:15, Philippians 3:20–21
- Reflection Questions:
  - How does Paul describe the Lord's return?
  - What is the significance of the trumpet, voice, and shout?
  - Why is the order (dead first, then living) important?
- - How does this promise encourage you today?
  - How can you use these words to comfort others?
  - How should this hope shape our lives?

### Millennial Views Compared

- Premillennialism (Our View): Christ returns before the millennium (Revelation 20:1–6).
- Postmillennialism: Christ returns after a golden age (Isaiah 2:2–4, Habakkuk 2:14).
- Amillennialism: Millennium is symbolic of Christ's spiritual reign (John 18:36, Colossians 1:13).

### Section 5: Stay Awake Spiritually: by Letting Truth Displace Apathy

- Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:18
- Cross-references: Titus 2:11–13, 1 John 3:2–3, 2 Peter 3:10–14, Luke 21:28
- Final Questions:
  - What encourages you most about Christ's return?
  - How can this hope reorient your priorities?
  - Who in your life needs to hear the comfort of these words?