

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Featured Scripture Reflection

“Friends, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like those who have no hope.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13, NIV)

Opening Icebreaker

Who was the first family member you remember dying? What effect did that person’s death have on you?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What would it mean to the Thessalonians if they had remained ignorant of Christ’s resurrection?
- What kind of encouragement do you think they received from Paul’s words?
- Did the Apostle Paul’s words about Jesus’ coming at any time bring fear into their hearts or allay their fears?
- How important is hope in Christ’s resurrection for the Apostle Paul?

How is your life touched?

- Where in your life do you feel the need for hope, faith, and love to grow? (Home? Church? School? Work Place? Neighborhood? Etc.)
- How might you help hope, faith, and love to grow in this place?
- Does the reality of hope bring you peace? If so, how? If not, why not?
- How does this passage help you consider your own death?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- Holy Scripture urges you to grieve with hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What three things can you do to increase your awareness of Christ’s resurrection in your daily life this week?

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a community of God’s people who are committed to living and dying with resurrection hope following the leadership of the Risen Christ.