

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 26, 2020



Relationships in Heaven

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Get to Know You

Who do you look forward to seeing in heaven?

Study the Book

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

What are some general observations that we can make from descriptions of heaven as a wedding banquet (Matthew 22), eating and drinking (Luke 22), and the new Jerusalem as a city (Revelation 21)?

Where in Scripture does it say we will get wings and a harp in heaven?

Read 2 Peter 3:13 and Romans 8:21

The earth will not be obliterated but liberated from the bondage of decay.

What are some places and activities on this earth that are wonderful now, but you would like to experience more fully in heaven?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13

We will be reunited with believers we've lost to death: children reunited to parents, marriage partners reunited one to another, friends with friends. That's a big part of what makes the next life so joyful to consider.

Pastor Tom

What two things end relationships?

Our sinful actions end relationships, and even the sweetest, strongest relationships still end because of death. But the gospel is about how Jesus came to deal with sin and death.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Come into a relationship with the one who died and rose again to deal with sin and death.

Group Application Discussion

What hope was Paul giving the believers in Thessalonica?

How could their grief be different than the rest of mankind?

Personal Reflection and Application

What hope does the reality of heaven bring you today?
How can you encourage someone else with this hope today?