

WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS

OUR ETERNAL FUTURE WITH THE LORD (1 THESS. 4:1-18)

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ICEBREAKER

IF HEAVEN HAD A WELCOME SONG, WHAT SONG WOULD YOU WANT IT TO BE?



WE ARE GROWING DEEPER IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP!

- *Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8*
- *Pastor Mike asked us "Do you feel an urgency in your life to WALK IN A WAY that PLEASES GOD?" As Christ Followers, how do we create a sense of urgency to live in a way that pleases God?*
- *Pastor Mike defined sanctification as being set apart. Why does it matter to be set apart?*
- *When you look inward, what are some areas that you may need to surrender in order to be sanctified?*

WE ARE ETERNAL BEINGS!

- *Why do you think Paul didn't want believers to be "uninformed" about Christ's return?*
- *How does having an eternity view of life impact how you live and make decisions in this life?*
- *Pastor Mike used an illustration of the rope and a small section of red tape to reflect how short our life on Earth is. How does this illustration make you consider the importance of worldly impact versus eternal impact?*

BE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT'S TO COME!

- *1 Thessalonians 4:18*
- *How can the hope of eternity help us navigate present day hardship, grief, suffering, or uncertainty today?*
- *Have you ever experienced God's peace during a difficult season because of the hope you have in Christ?*

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Our text this week reminds us that the Lord is going to return for us! This should encourage all of us! Take comfort and joy and satisfaction in knowing that OUR LORD has everything under control and he IS coming back for His Bride and it's so exciting and encouraging. We GET to live for Jesus every day and we GET to be with Jesus for all of eternity!



ASK

Pastor Mike used a rope in his illustration to show us how very short our time on earth is in comparison to eternity. We have a very short time on earth to give our lives to Jesus. Did this illustration change anything about your perception of your time on earth?



CHALLENGE

When is the last time you considered living NOW with eternity on your mind? We are all eternal beings and what we do with this life determines how we spend the rest of this eternity. Have you made the decision to go all in yet? Spend some quiet time with God this week and ask him to reveal to you anything in your life that may have a negative impact on eternity with Christ.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your words of preparedness. You have urged me to get ready, to be ready, to stay ready, and I confess I have fallen short on many days. In the midst of my mistakes, I am grateful for the grace you have given me to rise again, breathing with a renewed spirit and a sound mind. Lord, my deepest desire is to be with you for eternity, and the path you have set before me lights the way toward you. Help me release anything that does not please you and that hinder my sanctification. Thank you once more for your boundless grace and the hope of eternal life with you. I love you, and I long to dwell in your presence. I choose to live beyond the hard choices, trusting that, by your mercy, I will be with you. In Jesus Name, Amen.