

WEEK 10- HOPE IN THE VALLEY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. YOUR HOPE ISN'T BOUND TO WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU, IT'S BOUND TO WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOU
2. BECAUSE OF WHO JESUS IS, HE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU
3. BECAUSE OF WHO JESUS IS, THE BEST IS YET TO COME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week, Aaron talked about how we can face death in a way that doesn't allow it to destroy our hope. While it might not be our favorite thing to talk about, death is a topic worth discussing because how we view death can impact how we view life. How do you view death? How often do you think about it? What scares you most about death?
3. Grief is something we all experience. However, people don't all grieve the same. Describe an example you've seen of someone grieving well. How would you describe the difference between grieving WITH hope and grieving WITHOUT hope?
4. What type of support is most helpful to you personally when you are in a time of grief?
5. The first idea this week was that "Your hope isn't bound to what happens to you, it's bound to what Jesus has done for you." Aaron illustrated this idea by talking about the two thieves next to Jesus on the cross. What stands out to you about the way the two thieves respond to their circumstances? What stands out to you about Jesus' response?
6. The second main idea this week was that "Because of who Jesus is, He will never forget you." Have you ever felt like God has just forgotten about you? How do you tend to react when your expectations of God are not met? What are some expectations you have of God?
7. We can't prepare ourselves for every possible grief-causing situation that might come our way. However, that doesn't mean we can't strive to have a strong foundation and support network for when grief does come. What are some things that you think might be helpful to have in place BEFORE you enter a season of grieving?
8. Are you currently in a time of grief? If so, how can we be praying for you and what are some ways we can support you as a group?