The Future Changes Everything
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Main Idea: Christ is coming again—grieve with hope, live with anticipation, and encourage with confidence.

The Apostle Paul wanted the Thessalonian believers to know exactly what their future held. In continuing discipleship moments with his spiritual children, Paul wants them to be informed about:

I. The Dead in Christ (vv. 4:13-18)

- Christian grief is different from worldly grief.
- Christian hope in death is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Christian hope in death is encouragement.

II. The Day of the Lord (vv. 5:1-3)

- The timing of the Day of the Lord is unpredictable.
- The coming of the Day of the Lord is unavoidable.

III. The Duty of the Believer (vv. 5:4-11)

- Remember who you are.
- Live like who you are.
- Encourage one another.

Homework: 2 Peter 3:1-18 (Read, Reflect, Respond, Rest)