Be Ready - A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

“Something Better is Coming”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Introduction:
A. Jesus is ________ ________.
B. Sound __________ gives us great confidence, assurance, and comfort.

I. Exploring the Text.
A. The phrase “do not want you to be ignorant” was a common formula used to introduce ____________.
B. “Sleep” was a common euphemism for ________.
C. In the face of death, the pagan world stood in __________.
D. We grieve with _____ because we know that death is not the ____.
E. The ____________ of Jesus provides the foundation for our hope.
F. Those dead when Jesus returns will not be ____________ in any way.
G. Paul’s emphasis in these verses is not on the sequence of ____________, but on the outcome and ____________ of all of this.

II. Applying the Text.
A. Death is a subject that everyone wants to ________ about, but no one wants to ________ about.
B. Books that claim to offer a glimpse into what happens after ________ are often __________ ________.
C. Truths we learn from today’s verses:
   1. Death is not an ________, but is a transition to something ________.
   2. The blessing of the afterlife is not so much a ________ as it is a ____________.
   3. What we know and believe about the ________ should shape how we live in the ________.
      a. We should strive to live ________ and ________ lives.
      b. We should strive to share the ________ ________ with others.
      c. We should strive to ________ the Lord with our whole ____.
D. Keep your _______, for something ________ is coming.