

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thess 4:16-18

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thess 4:16-18.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

16 For the LORD Himself will descend from Heaven

with a shout

with the voice of the archangel

and with the trumpet of GOD

and the dead in Christ shall rise first

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together

with them

in the clouds

to meet the LORD

in the air

and so we will always be with the LORD.

18 Therefore comfort one another

with these words.

1. How were you impacted by last week's sermon? (1 or 2 sentences)

2. What action or event is Paul talking about in v. 16?

3. Which member of the trinity is descending in v. 16?

4. Why do you think Paul uses "the LORD Himself" in v. 16?

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5. What 4 things take place in this big event in v. 16?

6. Which of the 4 is the most dramatic in your opinion?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 4:16-18 again.

7. What group of dead people will be at this event?

8. Where are the 2 places this event takes place in v. 17?

9. Read 1 Cor. 15: 52: what does it say about the trumpet of God? Is it talking about the rapture of the 2nd coming of Christ?

10. What promise are believers given in v. 17?

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11. Who is the “them” in v. 17?

12. How does the word Therefore function in v. 18?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 4:16-18 again.

13. Define the word Comfort in v. 18.

14. What is the believer’s destiny in v. 17?

15. Why was Paul writing about this to the Thessalonians?

16. How can our words bring comfort?

17. Who can you comfort this week with these words?

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18. Summarize this passage in 25 words or less.

19. How might this passage be applicable to your life this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that the truth of what God has promised for the future of believers would bring us comfort in the present and that we would seek to encourage others with our eschatological hope.