

4. **Jesus will come again and the ALIVE in Christ will MEET HIM.**

How much do you think about the return of Jesus Christ? How does it impact your life today? Paul reminds us here that the coming again of Jesus is meant to be a great comfort, not a cause for great speculation . . .

1. **Jesus will come again in SPACE and TIME.**

5. **Jesus will come again and we will be WITH Christ FOREVER.**

2. **Jesus will come again at ANY TIME.**

6. **Jesus will come again and that should IMPACT our lives RIGHT NOW.**

3. **Jesus will come again and the DEAD in Christ will RISE.**

The Coming of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Growth Groups Week 6 of 9

Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to gracecentralcoast.org.

Connecting and Caring for One Another

It's week 6 of our 9 week quarter, which means that summer is not far off. Take some time to share summer plans, hopes and dreams.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. As has been our pattern these last few weeks, read 1 Thessalonians again as a group. Paul mentions the coming of the Lord in every chapter. See if you can find each. What are we to make about all these mentions?
2. Why does Paul teach about the coming of the Lord in 4:13-18? What pastoral concern is he addressing?
3. Some of us overly obsess about the coming of the Lord through fruitless speculation. For others of us, the coming of the Lord causes us to disengage from the world and retreat into our Christian bubbles. Others of us don't think about the coming of the Lord at all. Have you or do you lean in any of these directions? Which one?

4. We considered 6 "comforts" in the text/message. Were there any that were new to you? Which one was most meaningful to you and why?

5. How do believers and unbelievers grieve differently at the death of a loved one and why? Have you observed/experienced this personally?

6. The Gospel, in all its dimensions, is Good News and practical. So how is the Good News of the return of Jesus meant to inform and impact our lives right now?

7. What does it mean in 4:18 to "Comfort one another with these words"? What does that look like? How do we do it?

Praying Together

- Pray that the coming again of Jesus would grow in us a sure hope and a heart for the not-yet-Christians.
- Share and pray for other needs in your group.