

## Study Guide

### Steadfast 4:13-18

**Big Idea:** No Jesus, no hope! Know Jesus, know hope!

*<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will 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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

1. Share some of your thoughts and impressions from the sermon. Share a story of when you felt very hopeless in a given situation.
2. How must it feel to grieve the loss of a loved one and have no hope? What difference has it made in your life to be “informed” in regard to your future?
3. Describe the confidence we can have in the promise of our own resurrection (v.14)? Why can we be so confident? (see also John 14:19; John 11:23; 2 Cor. 4:14; Romans 6:5).
4. Describe the “snatching up” of the church. What sticks out to you? What excites and encourages you?
5. Discuss the immanency of the return of Christ. What would you do differently if you knew the trumpet would sound in 2019?

#### **Application**

Spend some time praying for each other. Pray for encouragement. Pray for focus. Pray for opportunities to share this hope with others.

## Message Slides

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#### A. No Jesus, no Hope! (v.13)

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#### B. Know Jesus, know Hope (v.14-15)

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep."

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John 5:25

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."

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#### C. Be Encouraged Today! (v.16-18)

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Daniel 12:1

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation

till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.