

GRIEVING WITH HOPE!

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

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BIG IDEA: Hope is essential in our approach to loss and grief.

Paul encouraged these Christians to be dedicated and productive workers so that they might bring honor to Christ's name.

HOPE: the confident expectation that God will fulfill what He has promised.

5 stages of Grief:

Denial

Anger

Bargaining

Depression

Acceptance

How to help those grieving:

Support

Time

Space

Practical help

Understanding

Hope

Christ's return for His saints will be announced from heaven forcefully and dramatically.

PONDER THESE:

- Are these words encouraging to me?
- How can I get through grief so I can help others get through it?

Scripture Verses (ESV): John 13:34-35; 1 Timothy. 5:13; John 11:35; 1 Corinthians 15:52-55; Ephesians 5:1-2