

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Think of some your favorite songs that speak of Heaven. Sing a couple or listen to them on your ipod or CD player. If you're part of a group share them with one another. Why is it that these songs are favorites for you?

With your Bible or Youversion.com read Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 and 2 Timothy 4:18

You don't have to limp along as you live expectantly for what is yet to come.

- How does Paul we should live as we wait for Jesus Christ's return? Do you live this way? Why or why not?
- Notice Paul doesn't say we shouldn't grieve but by implication he does say what should characterize our grief. When dealing with death, do you grieve like a person who has hope or who doesn't? What is the difference?
- In our relationships "for every and ever" doesn't mean

Read John 14:2-3; Revelation 21:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:23 and 1 Peter 5:4

Our ultimate hope is found in the promise that we will spend eternity in God's presence in a place called the Kingdom of Heaven. This Kingdom is also described as a new heaven and a new earth.

- What do these verses reveal to us about Christ's return and Heaven?
- Do you ever imagine what kind of place Jesus is preparing for you? If so, what is it like?
- In this life we all experience, tears, death, sorrow & pain. But, in heaven they will all be gone forever. Since Heaven is a right place are there other things that expect will be gone forever?

- In what ways do you believe that Paul's words to the church at Thessalonica are meant to be used to encourage? Do they encourage you?
- What are some rewards that will be received in Heaven? What do you think those rewards will mean to you? Does that make a difference in how you live.

Read Romans 1:17 and Philippians 3:7-11

To have this ultimate hope you must know Jesus Christ.

- Paul mentions two who are involved in making us ready for Heaven. Who are they? What is the role that each has?
- Have you ever responded to God's Good News found in what Jesus Christ has done for you?
- What is it that you value the most in your life? Would your actions support your claim?

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- By faith I choose to trust God, putting my hope in Him.
- Admit that I tend to live like this is all there is. In light of this I'm asking God to help me live with eternity in mind.
- Praise God that Jesus is preparing a place for me in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Meditate and/or memorize Titus 2:13
We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (CEV)

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Plan a time of personal worship that has the theme of Heaven. Listen to or sing songs about heaven. Read several scriptures about Heaven. Then praise God for the promise of heaven.
- Ask God to guide you so that your life will be a testimony in the reality of Heaven. Seek God's perspective about what all that will mean for you.
- Continue to ask God to help you as you bless others with "a little something extra" this week.