**“Power over Death”**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**

**Colossians**

**Titus**

**Timothy**

**Thessalonians**

**Philippians**

**Ephesians**

**Galatians**

**Corinthians**

**Romans**

**Philemon**

**Hebrews**

**James**

**Jude**

**John**

**Peter**

**Intro:**

* What would you say to someone at a funeral who just lost a loved one?

**Scripture**

1. Read Thessalonians 4:13-15. What do you suppose the Thessalonians were worried about? Why does Paul address their fears as he does?
2. Read Thessalonians 4:16- 18. Compare and contrast Jesus’ 1st coming with his 2nd coming.
3. Read Thessalonians 5:1-11. Compare and contrast Judgment Day for a believer as opposed to an unbeliever.

**Our Congregation**

1. Clara says, “A Christian shouldn’t grieve at a funeral because he/she knows that he/she will be raised on the last day and is in heaven with Jesus.” Do you agree or disagree with Clara? Why?
2. Freddy says, “A Christian won’t be afraid of death because he knows what’s going to happen when he dies and where he’s going.” Do you agree or disagree with Freddy? Why?
3. The apostle Paul tells us to look forward here. Is it sinful for a believer to look back? When is it sinful? When isn’t it? Why is it helpful to look ahead?
4. In Chapter 5 Paul contrasts believers and unbelievers by saying that believers are “sober-minded” and unbelievers “make their mind fuzzy”. What are some ways that people today “make their minds fuzzy”? Why do people do so particularly in regards to Judgment Day?

***Takin’ it Home***

1. How does understanding Judgment Day correctly bring…
   * Urgency to our work as a church?
   * Focus to our work as a church?
2. Read Through Thessalonians 5:12-28. Pick out 2 instructions you need to hear and how they benefit you.