

WHEN HOPE IS CHALLENGED

March 4, 2018

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. _____ the truth. – v. 13-14

We “know the truth” in our minds, but we “believe the truth” with our hearts. What parts of God’s truth do you “know” but sometimes struggle to “believe”? How is your hope impacted when you “know” something but fail to “believe” it?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Do you have an area of your life right now where your hope is being tested/challenged? Write down a verse of truth from God’s Word that speaks to that challenge in your life. (If you don’t know a verse on that topic use the concordance in the back of your Bible or the best concordance of all time – Google. ☺) Then pray for the Holy Spirit to help you know AND believe that truth of God.

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

God’s truth is not meant to just encourage our hope, but others as well. Write down another believer who you will encourage this week with God’s truth. Then send them a note, give them a call, or set up a time to meet and encourage them.

II. _____ the truth. – v. 15-17



WHEN HOPE IS CHALLENGED

March 4, 2018

SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Grief is a strong opponent of hope. How can we retain hope when it is challenged by grief?

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What does Paul teach about grief as it relates to Christians? When is a time you experienced grief in your life and how did you handle it?

List some facts about the second coming of Christ that Paul teaches the Thessalonians in this passage. Which of these facts was new to you? Which of these facts most strengthens your hope in Jesus and why?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Pastor Micah said that "Hope rests on theology." How does your theology (what you believe about God) impact your hope, both positively and negatively? How do you need to change/adjust your theology to strengthen your hope in Jesus?

III. _____ one another with the truth. — v. 18

**WHEN HOPE IS _____,
TRUST IN GOD'S _____.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$4,843.00

This Month: \$0.00

Last Month: \$14,185.00

Monthly Budget: \$15,070.00



www.harveststlsouth.org

