

## **HEAVEN, HELL AND HERE**

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### **End Times and the Rapture**

Four Main Apocalyptic texts:

1) Daniel. 2) Matthew 24 & 25. 3) I Thessalonians 4&5. 4) Revelation.

#### **Pre-Millennial End times Events**

- Tribulation = 7 Years of Suffering & Persecution
- Rapture = Dead and Living Caught Up with Jesus
- Second Coming = Jesus Comes Back
- Millennium = 1000 years of Jesus Reigning on Earth
- Judgement = Future Destinations: Heaven or Lake of Fire
- New Heavens and Earth= Eternal State of “On Earth as in Heaven.”

#### **The Rapture: I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**

- Be Ready(vs 1-4) Hour Unknown
- Be Faithful (vs 8) Overcomer in Rev.
- Be Relieved (vs 9)...God did not appoint us to face wrath
- Be Encouraged (vs 10-11): We are with the Lord who is life.

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### **Life Group Discussion**

- Review your notes from the sermon...and discuss what idea, concept or thought stood out the most to you.
- What understanding or questions do you have about the six events mentioned in the pre-melential timeline?
- Read I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 together, then read Matthew 24:30-44. What similarities do you see in these texts?
- What do you think it means to be ready for Jesus' Return? How can one be ready? Read I Thessalonians 5:12-24 for possible answers.
- Read I Thess 5:9. What does this passage suggest about the judgment of those in the Kingdom of God?
- Do you find the idea of rapture encouraging or scary? Why?