



Unit 33, Session 4

Paul Gave Hope

1-2 Thessalonians

Story Point: Paul told the church to stand firm as we wait for Jesus' return.

Paul traveled to the city of Thessalonica. Paul told the people the good news about Jesus, and many people believed in Jesus. Some people did not like Paul or his teachings and they forced him out of the city.

Paul worried about the people in Thessalonica. They had not been believers for very long. So Paul sent his friend Timothy to see how they were doing. Timothy brought back good news. Even though the Thessalonians faced suffering for their faith, they did not give up.

Paul wrote a letter to encourage the believers. He told them that Jesus will return someday. On that day, Paul said, believers will no longer suffer! This message gave them great hope.

Paul wrote to help the believers in Thessalonica know what is true. No one

knows when Jesus will come again. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, when you do not expect it. Whether we are alive or dead when Jesus returns, He will bring us all home with Him forever. So continue to encourage each other because we have this future hope.

Christ Connection: The prophets in the Old Testament told about the Day of the Lord, a day when God would come to judge the world and save His people. Paul said that in the future, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus will return for His people and judge the wicked. Believers live with hope, knowing that Jesus will come again.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Unscramble the letters to answer each question about the Bible story. Write out the selected letters to find what Paul preached about.

1. In what city north of Corinth did Paul start a church? (TSSAHECILONA)
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2. Which of Paul's friends visited the Thessalonians? (TTHIMOY)
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3. Who taught in Thessalonica? (PUAL)
 (___) ___ ___ ___

4. Who will return on the Day of the Lord? (JUESS)
 ___ (___) ___ ___ ___

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What hope do believers have in facing death?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Acts 4:12 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for the unshakable hope that we have in Him. Pray that we will bring Him honor and glory as we wait for His return.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John 14:2-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 15:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 6:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1:27 |