



# Sermon Questions

November 3, 2024 | Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
(Encouragement)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

1. How does the return of Jesus offer us a deeper, more resilient kind of hope?
  - Where do you tend to look for hope when things get tough? What would it look like to root your hope in Jesus' return instead?
2. What would it look like to embrace grief and bereavement, not with denial, but with a deep, resilient hope?
  - How is this approach different from how our culture typically deals with pain?
3. Do you find the idea of Jesus' return exciting, confusing, or even a bit unreal? Why do you think that is?
  - How might we make the return of Jesus a more central, grounding part of our faith journey, not just something "out there" in the future?
4. What does it mean to "encourage one another with these words" as Paul instructs?
  - Who in your life might need encouragement right now? How can you use Scripture to lift their spirits?
5. How do the kingship and certain return of Christ anchor us (individually and together) as we navigate the hopes, fears, uncertainties and possibilities that election week bring?

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Numbers 23:19-20
- Psalm 16
- Isaiah 25
- John 11:17-27
- Philippians 3:12-4:1
- Revelation 21:4

*Serve:* Could you help disciple our young people? Childrens and Student ministries need volunteers. <https://mcleanpres.org/serve/>

*Pray:* Pray for the many people whose lives face great volatility during election week.