

## Grieving & Encouraging One Another with Gospel-centered Hope

### 1. Knowing the Gospel and Grieving with Hope

- Do not be uninformed
- Grieve but not like unbelievers
- Believe & proclaim the life-transforming gospel

### 2. Rejoicing in the Coming of Our Lord

(adapted from *The Message of 1 & 2 Thessalonians* by John R.W. Stott)

- The Return: Christ will descend

- The Resurrection: the dead in Christ will rise first

- The Rapture: we who are left will be caught up to meet the Lord  
(see the Excursus below)

- The Reunion: we'll be united with Christ & one another for eternity

### 3. Encouraging One Another with these Words

#### Excursus: Different Views Regarding the Rapture (1Th 4:17)

- Post-trib: the rapture is after the Great Tribulation
- Pre-trib: the rapture is before the Great Tribulation  
Mid-trib: the rapture is in the middle of the Great Tribulation  
Pre-wrath: rapture is before God's wrath/the end of the Great Tribulation