

# Sermon Study Guide – November 26th, 2023

## *"The Power of a King's Command"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ When a king or dictator speaks, how powerful is his word?
- ◆ The Bible also describes Jesus as our king... when he speaks, how powerful is his word? What can he accomplish for us that we cannot accomplish through our own words?

2) Today's Message: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

3) What does God want you to hear today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

*Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...*

1. Our sermon text is full of rich details... use the space below to take notes about it:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What “human words” do people rely on when faced with death?  
How are these words lacking?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How did Jesus uniquely and powerfully overcome death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How does the imagery of a king commanding his soldiers mirror how Christ’s words are different than ours when it comes to death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What does it look like to “*encourage each other with these words*”?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:*

**Monday:** *review* Da. 1-14, Mt. 26:57-67

**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:12

**Tuesday:** Matthew 24:36-51

**Friday:** *review* 1 Thess. 4:13-18

**Wednesday:** John 5:16-30

**Saturday:** 1 Thessalonians 5