

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## 'KEEP WATCH' WEEK 3

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **[southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org)** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What is your favorite rescue story? What book/movie comes to mind when you think of a great rescue from danger? Is there a particular scene that stands out to you? How does this fictional rescue compare to the rescue we are promised in Christ?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What does Paul say about the End Times in these verses? What kind of scenario does he paint for us? What promises does this passage hold for us? How does it affect the way we should think about/look forward to the End?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:18 again. What are we supposed to do with the biblical teachings about the End Times? In what ways can we encourage each other with this news? Why do you think these passages that should encourage us have become such a source of division? How can we reclaim their original purpose?

What has been your typical understanding of the Rapture and the Tribulation? How did what Mark Moore shared challenge/reaffirm what you already believed? Regardless of whether or not we agree on the particulars, how can we find unity in our beliefs on these things? What shared hope unites us as we think about what the End will bring?

Mark talked about 4 lessons we can take away from the Rapture (Hang Onto Hope, Cling to Scripture, Embrace the Bride, Grow in Grit). Which of these lessons resonates with you the most? How have you seen this revealed in your own spiritual life? Is there one of the lessons that has been more difficult for you to learn? How can we encourage and pray for one another in these things?

Read Matthew 24:12-13. What warning does Jesus give in these verses? How does He challenge us to stand firm? What promise does He attach to that? What does it look like to "stand firm" in our time? What does faithfulness look like in our times of tribulation and suffering?