



Week 7 | Rise | April 16

Key Focus: We will rise.

Opening Up:

Tell a story about the first time you went to a school dance.

What style of dance best reflects your personality. OR, If you could dance, what style would you like to be most proficient at?

BALLROOM STYLE: FOXTROT, WALTZ, TANGO, VIENNESE WALTZ, QUICKSTEP

LATIN STYLE: CHACHA, RUMBA, BOLERO, SALSA, MAMBO, MERENGUE

SOCIAL STYLE: SWING, HUSTLE, WEST COAST

COUNTRY WESTERN STYLE: TWO STEP; SHUFFLE, COUNTRY CHACHA

OTHERS:

Is music better suited for parties with friends or for car rides alone?

Name a feel good song that you sing along to.

If you were going to lip sync battle Jimmy Fallon what would your song be?

Reference: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Discuss:

1. How is the following true? "Hope is listening to a music of the future, and faith is dancing to that music in the present."
2. In 4:13 Paul wants his hearers to know that Christians grieve differently. How would you describe the Christian's grief to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
3. Our bodies sleep awaiting the resurrection (4:13). At the resurrection the bodies of Christians will be raised.
 1. Is there anyone in your life who has passed and who you long to see in the resurrection?
 2. What do you miss about them?
 3. How does this hope shape your grief personally?
4. How does knowing that Jesus raised from the dead (4:14) shape your hope?
5. In John 20:27-28 Jesus invites Thomas to touch his raised body. How is being in touchable distance with someone different than being with someone on a video chat?
6. How do you think you will feel when you first set your eyes on Jesus? What might you say if you saw Jesus today?
7. We are supposed to encourage one another with news of the resurrection (4:18). Resurrection is moving from death to life. It's a change that has happened (Colossians 2:21), is happening (Revelation 21:5), and will happen (4:17).
 1. What has God raised already in your life?
 2. What is he raising?
 3. What do you hope he will raise?
8. Tell your #what2what story of God's resurrection in your life. Share your story in two words. I have, am, or will rise from... to....
9. Pray.