

# ON THAT DAY

*Talk 1 – We will rise – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

## Small group questions

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact [bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au](mailto:bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au)

1. What resonated with you from the message, or was there something you found challenging or unclear?

2. **Reflecting on the Lyrics:**

What impact do the opening lyrics of the song, "On that Day" have on your understanding of Advent and the theme of rising with Jesus?

3. **Facing the Reality of Our World:**

How do you feel about the statement that our world is currently in a mess? Are there specific instances mentioned in the sermon that resonate with you?

4. **Living in Advent Hope:**

In what ways does the assurance of Christ's return and victory over death shape your perspective as a person of Advent hope?

5. **Unpacking the Meaning of "Fallen Asleep in Him":**

What insights did you gain about the term "fallen asleep in him" from the sermon, especially in the context of death and the Christian understanding of it?

6. **The Promise of Resurrection Bodies:**

How does the prospect of receiving resurrection bodies both excite and challenge your understanding of the future, particularly in light of the mysteries surrounding the details?

7. **Encouraging One Another:**

What practical ways can we encourage each other with the hope of resurrection and the return of Jesus, especially in the face of difficulties and losses?

8. **Facing Death and Anticipating Life:**

Reflect on the notion of not fearing death but anticipating it as a moment of waking up in the presence of Jesus. How does this perspective impact your daily life?

9. **The Mystery of Timing:**

Discuss the sermon's emphasis on not knowing the specific timing of Jesus' return. How does this affect our expectations and the way we live in the present?

10. **Living as People of Hope:**

In what ways can we practically live as people of hope, especially in a world filled with challenges and uncertainties?

11. **Final Day Declarations:**

What does the statement "On that Day, we'll rise as Jesus rose" mean to you personally? How can this truth influence the way you approach each day?

**Prayer idea** – Father, we thank you for the hope and assurance we find in the promise of rising with Jesus on that final day. May this truth anchor our hearts in the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties. Help us to encourage one another with the hope of resurrection and the anticipation of the day when we will rise as Jesus rose. May we live each day in the light of this glorious truth, knowing that you hold the future in your hands. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.