***No Longer a Mystery***

***Recapping Questions***

These questions focus on the lesson; it may help to reread passages in their entirety. This section lets you fully understand what is happening and what God tells us through the accounts.

*16 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. 17 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. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

**How would you describe the person that 1 Thess 4:16 says is “in Christ”?**

***Read John 14:4-6.***

**Thomas asked, “We do not know where you are going. how can we know the way?” How does Jesus answer Thomas?**

**Why do those who believe in Christ find comfort and hope in these words and in this topic?**

***Discussion Question***

To drive discussion, you should not answer the questions in this section with a yes or no. the goal is to reflect and discuss biblical views on what is going on in your life and the world around you. Take your time thinking through each of these questions.

**How do Jesus’s words refute other worldviews that are held on the afterlife?**

**Many people look forward to heaven for a mansion, to be reunited with loved ones, or to receive perfected bodies. Do you believe these things will matter to us then as much as they do now? Why or why not?**

***Application Questions***

The goal of studying the Bible is to learn how to live more like Christ; if we never take what we learn in God’s word and put it into practice, then we are just wasting our time. This section helps you figure out how God’s word will change your life.

*29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Luke 12:29-31*

**In what ways have you focused on the temporary earthly things (w*hat you eat or drink­*) rather than trusting in God’s provision and sovereignty?**

**How will your view on eternity and the afterlife change the decisions you will make this week?**

***Prayer***

Paul tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). You need to constantly communicate with God, talking to Him about the things around you. Take a few minutes and prayer as a group for the following items.

**How can we pray for you and others in your life this week?**

**Pray that we will be driven by our worship of Jesus and not by other motives. Pray that we will live lives that are prepared for the sudden return of Christ.**

**Record your group’s prayer requests so you can continue to lift them in prayer.**