



VOICES FROM THE PAST

- I'll Fly Away -

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What is your favorite “end-of-the-world” movie?

DISCUSSION:

1. Pastor Bryan talked about living with a hope for eternity and an urgency for today.

- In which of those two areas (*hope for eternity* or *urgency for today*) do you have the most room for growth? What would help you to grow in that area?

The Return. Christ is coming again.

2. Read John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:16

- Do you think of heaven as a far-off idea, or a soon-to-come promise? Why?
- Describe your view of Jesus' return to Earth. What formed your perspective?
- Describe your view of Heaven. What formed your perspective?

The Rapture. Living Christians are taken away.

3. Read I Thessalonians 4:17; II Timothy 4:8

- Why do you suppose God gives a special reward (a crown) to those who long for the appearing of Jesus?

The Reunion. Christians will be with God forever.

4. Read I Thessalonians 4:17-18

- What encourages you about this passage?

5. Read I Corinthians 15:35-58

- How do you envision your new, glorified, spiritual body?

APPLICATION:

- Pastor Bryan encouraged us to not leave...
 - words unsaid
 - deeds undone
 - hope unshared

What, specifically, do you need to *say*, *do* or *share* this week?