Message Outline

CP the Sequel: MaXair

1 Thessalonians 4-5

Intro: Rebranding roller coasters with Bible characters...

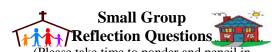
- MaXair: pendulum swinging, caught in the air, next to Kiddy Kingdom...
- MaXair builds off Kiddy Kingdom last week...
- **v.1**—"more and more"...keep growing!
- v.2-3a—God's will...holiness/sanctification.
- v.3-8—Application for sanctification...
- v.9-12—More "more and more"...
- **v.13**—Losing loved ones in the faith...
- v.14-17—"caught in the air"...MaXair...
 - Ancient welcoming committee to meet/celebrate a king's coming...
- v.18—Comfort contained in these truths...

Comfort in Being Caught in the Air

- 1) It's been done ______ v.14
- (illus) Julie and Steel Vengeance...
- We are not the first test drive the "resurrection ride" (cf. 1Cor.15:20).
- 2) There is more in ______ v.16-17
 - "It ain't over 'til it's over..." -Yogi Berra -Maybe in baseball, but not Biblical...
 - The always of eternity...
- 3) In the meantime, ______ 5:1-22
 - v.1-11—The timing of the coming...
 - v.12-22—The toiling till the coming...

Closing: The countdown to being caught in the air...

• Don't forget to find this ride next to Kiddy Kingdom (cf. Mt.18:3-4)!



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 5

*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

*Tell about a time at a funeral where either you received comfort or gave comfort to someone.

*How would you explain to a child what happens when a person dies? Would it be different in the same conversation with a coworker?

*What are you looking forward to in heaven? Is there something on earth you hope is in heaven, other than a person (ie. trees, snow, taxes etc. ②)?

*What are some ways Christians are called to live differently than the world? List.

*As a teenager, were you viewed as a good influence or bad influence on those around you? What influenced you?

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 lists all sorts of labors to live out in daily life. Pick one labor from that list that you are living and one that you are lacking. Explain.