

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)!



Small Group

Reflection Questions



(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. ☺)?*

**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.*