

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** If you could take a pill that would enable you to live until you reach 1000 years, would you do it? Explain why or why not.
- **Announcements:**
 - **LOVEWorks 5k at Creekside** – Sat, May 1, run, walk or volunteer!
 - **Family Freedom Festival** - July 4th, LOTS of volunteers needed!
 - **Baptism Class** – Sun, June 1, 9am in room 208/9

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Sing together #13 “**Glorious Day**” from the **2012 Small Groups Worship CD**.
- Take a moment and reflect on what you just sang. Verses 1, 2, & 3 speak of the glorious days of Jesus’ incarnation, His death on the cross, and His resurrection. Then in the bridge it adds the glorious day of His final coming! Have a few people thank Jesus for each of these glorious actions on His part for us!!

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for your list of people you are reaching out to as a small group.
- **PLAN** something to do together as a group **to also invite these people to!**

WORD (25 minutes)

1. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**. ALL believers will be involved in this "snatching" aspect of Jesus' second coming. Those who've died will come down with Jesus and meet up with their bodies and other Christians will never die, but will meet up with Jesus in the air! How is it you find all of this encouraging (v. 18)?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:1-4**. Do Paul's words about Jesus coming as a thief in the night (at an unknown time) calm or stir up fear for you?
3. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:5-8**. Pastor Steve said that the reality of Jesus' coming should cause us to Wake up, Speak up, Show up, or Clean up! Which of these responses is most true for you? (You might also read: **Romans 13:11-12**, **1 John 3:2-3**, and **Titus 2:11-13**)
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**. How does the "good news" that our salvation through Jesus' actions (and not our own efforts) is the basis for removing us from the wrath of God prove to be the way we can encourage and build one another up?
5. If you knew Jesus' was returning in 6 months, how would your life be different? How could you be better prepared for Jesus' return?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break down into **2 or 3's of the same gender** & genuinely **PRAY** for each other.