THE RAPTURE WILL BE...

How would you describe the rapture?

Several of the terms and phrases on the 40 Describe-It-Yourself cards shown below are a bit challenging or tricky and designed to lead to lively discussion. If you are studying in a small group, take turns talking about various terms / cards.

1 Cor. 15:50-58
and
1 Thes. 4:13-18

* * as predicted (as promised, fulfilled prophesy)	* * * disruptive (a distraction, divisive)	* * in God's time (at a time determined by God)	* * like_____ (wild card: fill in the blank)	* * (involving) (a) multitude(s) (a very large number of people together)	* * personal (individualistic, sensitive)	* * (about, involving) separation (division, in different groups/places)	* * * unexplainable (without natural explanation)
* * * before the trouble (before trouble/tribulation)	* * for believers (not for the unsaved)	* * in the clouds (in the air, not on the ground)	* * * long-awaited (expected, looked-for, hoped-for)	* * necessary (needed, needful, required)	* * powerful (mighty, strong, not weak)	* * shocking (surprising, upsetting)	* * * unforgettable (impressive, memorable)
* * * (about, focused on) the body (the physical body, the flesh)	* * (about) freedom (not being enslaved / overpowered)	* * * instantaneous (in an instant, very quickly)	* loud (loudly said/done, excessive, too...)	* * * nocturnal (active/moving at night)	* * protective (protecting/ed, guarding, defensive)	* * * spectacular (exciting, impressive, magnificent)	* * victorious (triumphant, winning)
* * (about) change (personal change, focus change, etc.)	* * glorious (heavenly, magnificent, wonderful)	* * * irreversible (impossible to repeal, permanent)	* * * militaristic (martial, militant, military, strategic)	* * orderly (in good order, well organized)	* * (about) removal (being taken away)	* sudden (out-of-the-blue, quick, unexpected)	* * with others (relational, social, unselfish)
* * conditional (hypothetical, if...)	* * (about, involving) healing (physical healing/health)	* * joyful (cheerful, happy)	* * miraculous (supernatural, wonderful)	* * (about, involving) our hope (whom/what we desire most)	* * (about) (the) resurrection (Jesus' resurrection, physical resurrection)	* * * through Christ (through the Lord Jesus Christ)	* * with the Lord (in heaven, with the Lord Jesus)
* * (about, involving) deliverance (physical deliverance/salvation)	* * hidden (*often partly hidden*, concealed, missing)	* * leaving (departing, exodus)	* * * multifaceted (having many aspects, broad)	* * passive (not active, resting)	* * * sanctifying (making holy, setting apart for God)	* * * transformational (changing, making new)	* * * worldwide (international, everywhere)

How does the doctrine of the rapture help us in the present? *It encourages each of us personally (1 Cor. 15:58), and it comforts us as a group regarding those who have already died (1 Thes. 4:18).*