

First Thessalonians

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HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 5: May 8th-14th

Special note: Sermon questions will not be produced after the last week of this series on May 30th. We encourage our HomeGroups to break from meeting weekly over the summer so everyone can have a time of rest and reinvigoration before the fall.

Main Texts: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Connect

1. How would you finish this sentence? My destiny is...
2. What did you you find significant about the sermon or passage? What questions or thoughts did it raise for you?

Learn

3. Acts 17 and 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 describe the affliction that the Thessalonians and Paul and his companions faced as they were separated from each other. What kind of emotions do you think they felt in these afflictions?
4. Why do you think Paul places so much attention on the condition of the Thessalonians' faith (see verses 2, 5, 6, 7, and 10) as they encountered affliction? How was faith both vulnerable to and a defense against affliction?
5. Paul once again expresses his love for the Thessalonians in this passage. What words or phrases do you see that convey how greatly he cares about and values the Thessalonians?

Apply

6. Paul wrote in verse 5, "when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith..." How would you describe the state of your faith today?
7. Affliction can impact our faith in different ways. How has affliction impacted your faith?
8. Paul wrote in verses 7-8 that, "in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord." Do

you have someone in your life whose faith matters to you like the Thessalonians did to Paul?

9. Paul speaks of “supply[ing] what is lacking in your faith” in verse 10. How can we help build up each other’s faith and support one another as we face the challenges of life?