

First Thessalonians

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HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 8: May 29th-June 4th

Special note: This is the final week of our series in 1 Thessalonians and the final week of discussion questions until the fall. 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. Even so, groups are encouraged to make plans to stay in touch over the summer.

Main Texts: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Connect

1. What has been the highlight of this sermon series for you? What have you learned or been reminded of?
2. What did you you find significant about the sermon or passage? What questions or thoughts did it raise for you?

Learn

3. After reading the passage, what do you think the relationship is between the call to respect leaders and being at peace among themselves (vv. 12-13)?
4. Paul tells the Thessalonians in verse 15 to not repay evil but “always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.” From what you know about the letter (assuming you’ve been paying attention!), why could this have been especially challenging to them?
5. What characteristics of God do you see Paul emphasizing in verses 23-24? How might these have been comforting to the Thessalonians?
6. Extra Credit: What in the world is a “holy kiss” greeting (v. 26)? :)

Apply

7. Which of Paul’s commands in this passage do you find to be most challenging? Why?
8. What kind of sacrifices or costs might be required for us to carry out the commands of verse 14: “admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all”?

9. As you think about all that Paul commands (with the Holy Spirit's inspiration), what difference does it make to you that "the God of peace himself" sanctifies us and that "He who calls [us] is faithful; he will surely do it"?