

Sermon Questions

A Thanksgiving Text to be Lived Out

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

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CONNECT:

- What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

GROW:

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22. What is God's clear will according to verses 16-18? Why do you think this is the case here?
- What can tempt us to not be "always rejoicing"? How do these passages bolster the joy of a follower of Jesus Christ? (Isaiah 43:1-3; John 16:33; Romans 8:28, 31; Hebrews 13:5-6; John 3:16; Revelation 21:1-5)? What is our joy rooted in?
- Jesus could not conceive of life apart from His Father (see John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38, 14:31). What does this imply about how we are to think about our heavenly Father? What is the connection between these verses from John's gospel and what it means to "pray without ceasing"?
- Why can Christians give thanks in everything? What has been a trial in your own life that led to you giving thanks?
- How will your life look to our culture if you become characterized by always rejoicing, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances? What impact might that have on non-Christians in your life?

GO:

- What blessings has God granted you in the past year? Who is someone you will share this with?

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