

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Those who believe in Jesus know God and obey the Gospel. To know God is to know His Word and His will. To obey the Gospel is to know Jesus and to observe all that He has commanded us.

APPLICATION

While suffering or persecution may last for a while, the eternal blessing for those who endure for the sake of Christ will be rich and precious. How often in your day do you think about that wonderful reward that awaits you when you see Him face to face?

PRAYER

My righteous heavenly Father, thank You that both love and justice are perfect in You. Thank you for the assurance that all will be made right in the end, and that every evil will be punished; either by the one who deserves the punishment or by the One who bore the punishment in our place.

MEMORY VERSE

“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power.” 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (ESV)

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
Whoa

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I Saw That!

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

1. Judgment is God's job

2. There is hope for the future

3. God will give power to accomplish the mission

Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 223-0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, missional communities, or leading and/or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

Share about someone you know who has endured through tremendous difficulty, but has done it with grace and perseverance.

INTRO TO 2 THESSALONIANS

This letter from the apostle Paul was probably written shortly after his first letter to the church in Thessalonica. He had been boasting of them to other churches, telling of their faith and their love for each other in the face of persecution. Paul reminded them that God will repay their persecutors. He also addressed two recurring problems in this church. First, they were concerned that the Lord had already returned. Paul urged them not to become “shaken in mind or alarmed,” fearing that “the day of the Lord” (2:2) had already come. Second, he admonished them not to be idle, commanding them that, “If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat” (3:10).

(The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (2 Th). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.)

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

In verse 1:5, what is the ‘this’ that Paul is referring to?

How is ‘this’ evidence of the righteous judgment of God as Paul suggests?

What reassurance does Paul give in 1:6-8 to those who currently suffer for God?

In 1:8, how does Paul describe the ones who will receive God’s judgment? Reflect on what these two descriptive phrases mean.

How can the two descriptions of those who are enemies of God in verse 1:8 be reversed to describe those who are believers in God?

How does 1:9 describe the eternal state of those who are judged by God?

How do the following verses inform us about the eternal state of those who are judged by God?

Matthew 13:36-43

Matthew 18:7-9

Matthew 25:46

Luke 16:25-31

John 5:25-29

Revelation 14:9-11

In 2 Thessalonians 1:10, how will Jesus be received by His people?

Summarize Pauls prayer for the church in verse 1:11.

What is the ultimate goal of this prayer? (1:12)