



HTC Small Group

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Standing Firm in the Lord

Sermon Date: October 23, 2016

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:8

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. Our missionaries, Scott and Ruthie Clark visited on Sunday. How were you challenged or inspired by what they shared?
2. Having special guests in the church service limited our time to cover chapter 3. To prepare for your small group, read over the whole chapter. Are there any verses or phrases that stand out for you that weren't covered in the sermon?
3. How do you handle it when you hear of the horrific persecution Christians are suffering around the world?
4. Can you think of a time when you were persecuted because of your faith? How did God use it for good?
5. Looking back over chapters 2 and 3, in what ways did Paul show his love for the Thessalonians?
6. In what ways can your love "increase" and "overflow" for people in the church? For everyone else?
7. How might Harbor Trinity be different if our love for the community were to increase and overflow?
8. Why does a strong heart help keep us blameless and holy?
9. When it comes to holiness, what is God's part? What is ours?
10. Read Mark 7:21-22. For personal reflection and confession, which words do you need the Lord to strengthen your heart against?
11. If someone were to say to you, "Being blameless and holy just seems like an unattainable goal," what would you say to them?

