

Study 7

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Objective: 1 Thessalonians is an encouragement to all believers to continue living lives worthy of God. It is a book that reminds the believer of the essentials of the Christian faith.

Opening Questions:

What do you think it looks like to be a Christian in today's world?

Body of this Week's Study:

Paul wraps up his letter with a long list of commands. It's obvious that he believes that actions do matter. Actions show others what is really in our hearts.

Text Questions:

1. How do the many commands in this passage relate to Paul's words in v. 23? Is there any connection?
2. Why do you think Paul concludes the letter this way?
3. Why are these commands important?
4. Why do you think Paul prays for sanctification?

Application Questions:

1. Do any of the commands stick out to you? If so, why?
2. Do you find any of these commands difficult to do?
3. Do you feel like God is sanctifying you? In what ways?

Creative Implementation for the Week/Spiritual Exercise:

Pair up during Peer Team. Throughout the week, those who pair off are to pray for the other. In times where you might naturally pray for yourself, take time to pray for the other person. This exercise might highlight how often we pray for ourselves, instead of praying for others.

Memory Verses:

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.” - 1 Thess. 5:23-24