

<u>1 Thessalonians 1</u>

- Reflect on the fact that their work was produced by faith, that their labor was prompted by love, and that their endurance was inspired by hope.
- 2) Verse 6 says this church imitated Paul and that eventually they became models of faith to believers around them. What does this say about the path to spiritual maturity? Where are you on that path?
- 3) Reflect on the connection between turning from idols and living for God. What about the priorities of your life needs to change in order for you to fully live for God?
- 4) How do you need to respond in obedience for this passage?



<u>1 Thessalonians 2</u>

- What does Paul mean in verse 3 that the appeal they made was not from error or impure motives? Describe what it would mean to evangelize with poor motives or flattery versus in a way God would approve of?
- 2) As Paul, Silas, and Timothy are caring for this church, who are you caring for spiritually? Are you doing this with diligence as described in verses 7-12? What could you do better?
- 3) In verses 17-18, Paul describes desperately seeking out Christian community in a time when there were obstacles. How can you do the same?
- 4) How do you need to respond in obedience to this passage?



<u>1 Thessalonians 3</u>

- Verses 1-5 guarantee trials in life. Have you responded faithfully to God during the trials in your life? IN this trials we are facing now, how can you live in faithfulness?
- 2) Allow God to place people on your heart for you to pray for daily the way Paul prays for the Thessalonians in verses 11-13.
- 3)How do you need to respond in obedience to this passage?



<u>1 Thessalonians 4</u>

Journal and/or do discussion questions

This passage calls believers who are doing something well, to focus on it more and more.

- Are you being sanctified? (Are you more Godly than you were a year ago?) In what areas do you still need to grow most, especially when it comes to turning away from sin?
- 2) How can you love your Christian community better?
- 3) Verses 13-18 explain why Christians have reason to have hope and peace even when facing the crisis of a loved one dying, or even in facing our own mortality. Has this hope and peace taken root in you? How does the truth of verses 13-18 affect you?
- 4) How do you need to respond in obedience to this passage?



<u>1 Thessalonians 5</u>

- 1) How should verses 1-4 affect our view of the return of Christ?
- 2) Verses 4-10 describe the stark contrast between children of the day (Christians) and children of the night (non-Christians). Is your daily life distinguishable from children of the night? Elaborate.
- 3) Verses 12-15 calls us to acknowledge those who build us up spiritually, and to gently correct fellow believers who are living in disobedience. Make a list of both in your life. Who do you need to call today?
- 4) How do you need to respond in obedience to this passage?