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session 13

WORKING & WAITING

as you GO

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- .01** Do you have any chores or tasks you are responsible for at home or school? What happens if you don't do these tasks?
- .02** When you are waiting for something big to happen, how do you keep yourself occupied to pass the time?

family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

summary: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-18

Although many believers in the church at Thessalonica were working hard to spread the gospel, support their families, and care for those in the church who had needs, Paul's letter implied that there were some in the church who were idle—that is, they were able to work but chose not to, and instead were causing disruptions in the church, perhaps by gossiping or being overly involved in other people's personal business. Paul instructed the believers to warn these people, and to keep away from them so they would correct their behavior. Paul and his companions had given the church a positive example of what it looked like to work in a way that supported the ministry of the church, and he exhorted them to follow that example.

discussion QUESTIONS

- .01** What is idleness, as Paul describes it? What is the difference between idleness and restfulness?
- .02** How can you keep an appropriate balance between work and rest? How can both your work and your rest support your faith and the work of the gospel?

PRAY: Pray that you would resist the temptation to be idle, and would follow God's leading to work and rest as appropriate. Thank God for commanding both work and rest as part of the rhythm of life in His kingdom.



CENTRAL truth

Believers are called to kingdom work as we wait for His return.

LEADER challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in their *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

DAY 1 2 THESS. 3:6-11

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DAY 3 PROVERBS 26:13-16

DAY 4 PROVERBS 26:17-22

DAY 5 ROMANS 16:17-18

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