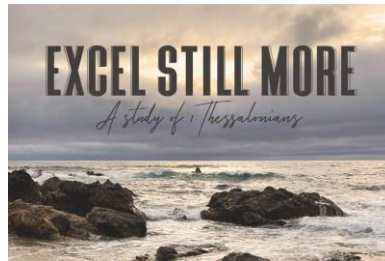


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



April 21, 2024

1 Thessalonians 5:25-28

Paul Signs Off (For Now)

Main Idea:

Paul closes the First Thessalonian epistle with three crucial instructions for God-pleasing ministry.

Outline:

Three instructions for faithful local church ministry.

- 1) Pray for effective ministry
 - pray personally
 - pray urgently
 - pray thoughtfully

- 2) Greet one another warmly in genuine Christian love

- 3) Publicly read (and teach) God's Word

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Why is prayer so important for effective ministry?

Examine Paul's requests for prayer in Ephesians 6:18b-20 and 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2. Based on these texts, design a personal strategy for praying for the ministry of HC.

#2 What is the significance of Paul's instruction for the Believers to greet one another with sincere brotherly affection?

Is it important for us to warmly greet visitors to our church? Why?

#3 Is it possible for a church to be spiritually sound and healthy if it fails to properly esteem and proclaim God's Word? Why or why not?

Select helpful resources:

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