



1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Getting Started

What has been your favorite vacation so far?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

Paul asks believers to acknowledge and bless your spiritual leaders who both care for you and admonish you. Being admonished is not always easy. How do you hold up your pastors when you feel admonished vs. when you feel cared for?

Christians have been accused of “shooting their own wounded.” That’s a sad indictment, but sometimes real. How does Paul exhort us to live differently in verses 13b through 15? What are some of the keys to changing this negative narrative that stand out to you? Why are they important?

This portion from the sermon ends with three specific calls (vs. 16-18); To Rejoice always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in everything. Which one is hardest for you and why? What are some practical tools and helps that you can discuss to help in each of these three areas?

Verse 18 wraps this passage up with the statement that this “is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”. What does it mean to you to hear that rather than these verses just being good ideas?

Prayer

Share some prayer items, especially of rejoicing and thanks, tonight as you share requests.

Spend time praising God for how He abundantly provides for you in the ordinary day to day things of life.

As you go

What’s one thing you can do this week to acknowledge your pastors, as Paul asks? Consider a relationship or conversation that you’ve had that you could impact or change with the help of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18.

