

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Getting Started

What has encouraged you this week?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

Paul expresses his thankfulness for the Thessalonian believers. Why was he so thankful? What do you think his encouragement meant to them in light of their context? (See Acts 17:1-8 for background).

Share about a time when you needed encouragement. How did this benefit your life and/or your faith in Christ?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25. According to these verses, why should we encourage one another? What does it mean to spur, or to motivate, or to provoke one another to love and good deeds? Why is this so needed in the church today?

Prayer

"Let us encourage one another... and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Put each individual in your group on the "hot seat" and have people share what they appreciate about that person. Then, lay hands on him or her and pray for God's encouragement to sink deep within their soul.

As you go

Who could benefit from your encouragement this week? How will you go about it?

