

A Steadfast Hope (1 Thess 2:13-3:13)

A Hope Driven Life

Discussion Questions

- **Have you ever been tempted to give up on your faith?**
 - Describe a time when challenges shook your faith.
 - Describe a time when you were tempted to give up hope or turn away from God altogether.
 - Why do you think the enemy chooses times like these to tempt us to give up hope and turn away?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-14**
 - What two things is Paul acknowledging about the Thessalonians here?
 - What did it look like in your life when you heard and accepted the Gospel for the first time?
 - Have you ever experienced persecution for your faith? If so, how?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20**
 - What are some key words that show us Paul's heart for the Thessalonians in this text?
 - Why do you think Satan hindered Paul and Silas from returning to the Thessalonians?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**
 - What stands out to you about this passage?
 - What seems to be Paul's biggest desire for the Thessalonians in this passage?
 - How would sending Timothy to them benefit the church at Thessalonica?
 - What does it mean to be established in your faith?
 - What does it mean to be exhorted in your faith?
 - What kind of preparation did you receive to withstand challenges to your faith?
 - How has someone come alongside of you and helped in your discipleship?
 - Describe a time when the prayers of someone else built you up in your faith.
- **How can God use our challenges to transform us?**
 - Read: James 1:2-4
 - What does this passage say suffering produces in us?
 - Matthew 13:1-23
 - What do each of these types of soils represent?
 - Which of these are most challenging to your faith?
 - How can you remain steadfast through these challenges?

- **Which of the 8 practices (Prayer, Scripture, Vocation, Evangelism, Simplicity, Sabbath, Generosity, Community) help you remain steadfast in your faith through the challenges of your faith?**
 - In what ways do you intend to step into community in a deeper way?
 - How can someone in your group be partnering with you and praying for you?