

Hope-Driven Community: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

The Hope-Driven Life Series

Discussion Questions

- 1) Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-10. From these verses, what does Paul want for the church in Thessalonica? What are they to do “more and more”, and why?
- 2) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. How many verbs do you count? Why do you think Paul rattles off so many instructions as he closes his letter?
- 3) Read verses 12-13 again. What is Paul asking them to do? Who is he talking about? What does what Jesus prays in John 17:20-21 have to do with this?
- 4) How would you grade CCCC on doing what Paul is asking the Thessalonians to do? How would you grade yourself? Where do we need to grow? Do you need to take any personal action to build or rebuild unity?
- 5) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15. How do these instructions relate to the circumstances of the Thessalonian church? If someone were to admonish you, what would be the issue they were trying to address? Where do you need to grow in how you invest in the church?
- 6) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What is your gut reaction to these verses? Is this true of you, of the people in your group?
- 7) What do Paul’s instructions in Verses 16-18 have to do with hope? (See Romans 8:35-39.)
- 8) What produces hope in us? What diminishes hope in us?
- 9) Discuss with the group how you can admonish, encourage, and help each other stop listening to God’s enemies and live more and more like we believe God and have hope in Jesus.