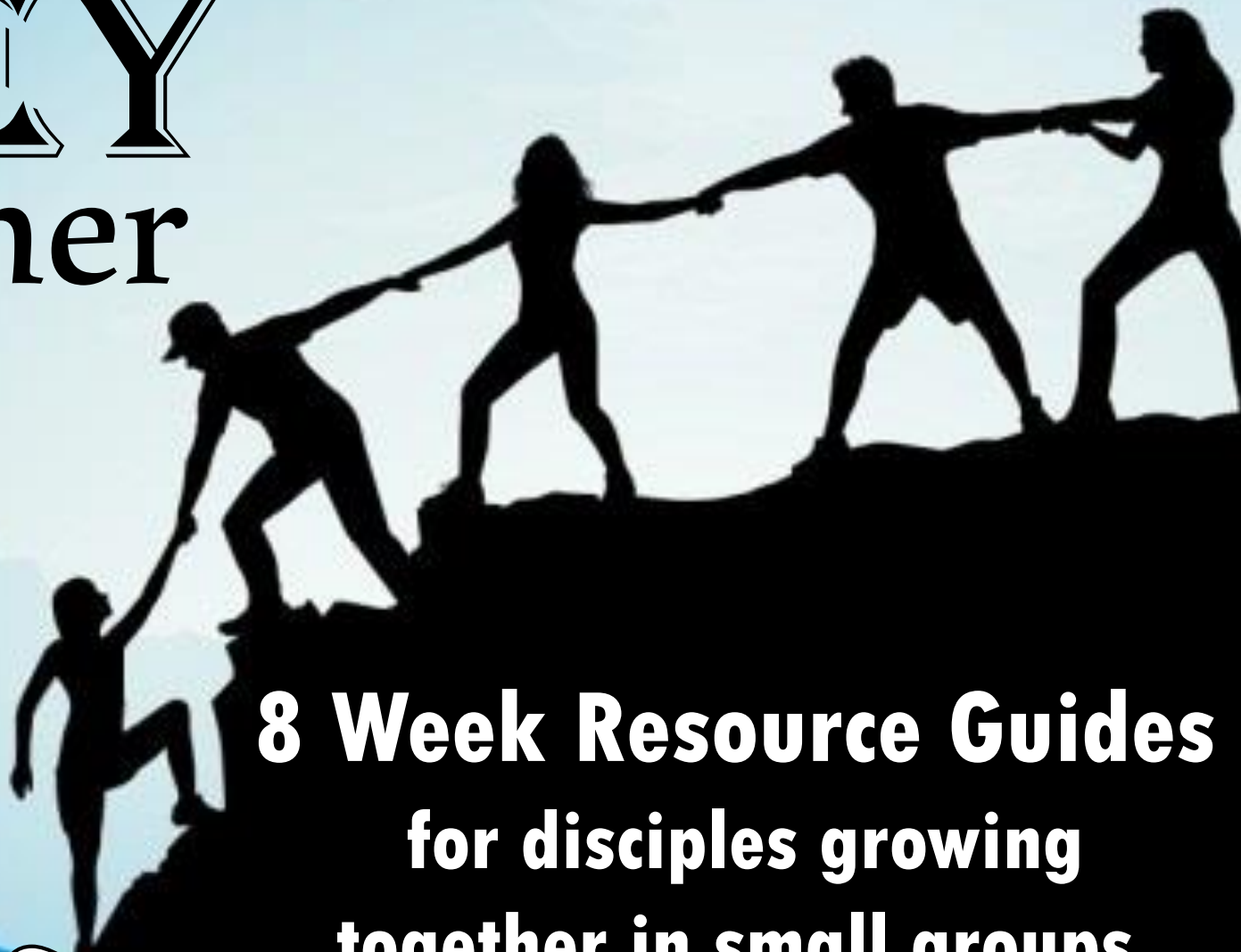



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LESSON 4 - CHAPTER 3

Step 1: GET REAL

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What are you thankful for from this past week?

What struggles did you face this past week?

What can you share from recent personal Bible reading or thoughts?

Step 2: GET FED

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5; JOHN 16:33; 2 TIMOTHY 3:12

- WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5?
- FOR WHAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE WAS TIMOTHY SENT TO THE CHURCH AT THESSALONICA?
- HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN FAITH? WHO OR WHAT HAS STRENGTHENED YOUR FAITH DURING THESE LAST FOUR MONTHS?
- GOD DID NOT WANT THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH TO BE “UNSETTLED BY THESE TRIALS.” (3:3) WHAT HAS BEEN MOST UNSETTLING TO YOU ABOUT OUR CURRENT TRIALS?
- HOW HAVE THE NOTICED OTHERS BEING UNSETTLED BY OUR CURRENT TRIALS? HOW HAVE PEOPLE DEALT WITH THE CURRENT TRIALS NEGATIVELY? (AND IN POSITIVE WAYS?)
- WHAT DID PAUL MEAN THAT “WE ARE DESTINED” FOR TRIALS? (3:3-4) WHAT TRIALS HAVE YOU FACED IN LIFE THAT CHRIST HAS HELPED YOU OVERCOME? (SPECIFICALLY, HOW DID HE HELP YOU?)

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 3:4-10; HEBREWS 10:23-24

- PAUL WAS CONCERNED THAT “THE TEMPTER” (3:5) WOULD USE THE TRIALS THE THESSALONIANS FACED TO TEMPT THEM TO LOSE THEIR FAITH. (3:3-5) HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE ENEMY USE THE TRIALS OUR NATION IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH TO LEAD PEOPLE TO SIN?
- HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD USE THE CURRENT TRIALS WE ARE GOING THROUGH FOR GOOD?
- PAUL STATED, “WE ARE ENCOURAGED ABOUT YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITH” ... “SINCE YOU ARE STANDING FIRM IN THE LORD” (3:7-8) IN YOUR LIFE, WHOSE FAITHFULNESS HAS ENCOURAGED YOU AND STIRRED YOUR HEART TO “LOVE AND GOOD WORKS?” (HEBREWS 10:23-24)

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED YOU STAND FIRM

PAUL LET HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THESSALONICA KNOW HOW THEIR FIRM STANDING IN THE FAITH IMPACTED HIM. (3:4-10)

THIS WEEK: (1) CHOOSE AT LEAST TWO FELLOW FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST WHO HAVE IMPACTED YOUR FAITH RECENTLY OR IN PAST YEARS. (PERHAPS ONE HERE AND ONE WHO LIVES AWAY)

(2) LET THOSE TWO (OR MORE) PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY DID TO HELP YOUR FAITH GROW. (GIVE THEM A CALL OR SEND THEM A TEXT MESSAGE, EMAIL OR OLD FASHION SNAIL MAIL LETTER.)