

Because of You
You Can Make a Difference

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord.

How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-9 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your favorite memory from 2023?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **1 Thessalonians 3:7-9**. What are a few ways you encourage other people with your words and actions?
- What you do really matters. On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to believe that? What would it look like if you trusted God could use you to change lives even more?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Has God used someone else to change your life for the better? If so, what happened? Share your story with your group.
- What are some ways God could use your simple, ordinary actions to make an extraordinary, eternal, spiritual impact this coming year?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Dear God, thank You for how You've been working in my life this year. As I go into the new year, please help me to be an encouraging presence in the lives of others. Help me to trust that what I do matters, and that You can use my simple, ordinary actions to make an eternal impact. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Spend time reflecting on the past year, and talking to God about your hopes for the new year.](#)
- [Start the Sharing Your Faith Bible Plan](#) using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/sharingfaith
- Consider how you could be an encouraging presence this year by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.