



No Matter What **(1 Thessalonians 2:3-12)**

How do we live like Jesus in 2021? If you've watched the news or been on social media this week, you've probably seen violence, anger, and division. The Enemy has used this time of isolation to amp up the emotion in this season but Jesus calls us to love one another, even when we disagree. Consider joining us for church online – Saturdays at 7pm & Sunday at 10am.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What three things are you grateful for today?
2. As Pastor William reminded us words have power and how we say things matters. Have you seen an example of someone “speaking truth in love” in your personal life?
3. Paul faced great opposition while maintaining his faith in God. How have you responded to opposition in the past? Was the opposition internal to yourself or part of your external circumstances? What helped you face those difficulties?
4. Have you seen someone who has been cut off from their family due to their beliefs? How might you be of service to that individual? If you have personal experience, how might being part of a community of believers help you through your journey?
5. If we look to Paul as a model, we are reminded that our circumstances should not define or limit our obedience to God. What is one way we might live this truth in our daily lives?
6. HOMEWORK: This week consider reaching out to someone who’s going through a hard time – via email, text or phone – and let them know you are here. You might consider making time to hang out virtually if you feel they need fellowship with others. If you need help, please consider reaching out to our prayer team at prayer@southview.org.

MOVING FORWARD

Our circumstances should not define our obedience to God.

“For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”
—1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)