

## **What Does A Real Church Look Like?** **(1 Thessalonians 5:12-18)**

Is there a standard for a “real church”? How do we determine what is a “good church”? We believe there is a standard, and that’s what the apostle Paul is going to address in his letter to the Thessalonians. Join us online each Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 10am!

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. [ICEBREAKER] If you had to teach a class on one thing, what would you teach?
2. Why do we feel a need to draw comparisons in our lives? What is the relationship between comparisons and self? What should we be cautious about when making comparisons?
3. Pastor William spoke about the importance of Elders and the role of leaders in our churches. What quality of a church leader is most important to you? How might you help, or support, your church leaders if your gift isn’t leadership?
4. What might be difficult about giving thanks IN all circumstances? What can you give thanks for in your church community or in your personal life?
5. NEXT STEPS: This week consider taking a few minutes to think about church community. What is one thing you can do this week to find, join, or contribute to a church community that is right for you? Is there a way you can help others to find the community that is right for them?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Are you ready to take the next step?

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*“Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens,  
keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.”  
—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (CEV)*