DIVING DEEPER DISCUSSION GUIDE

TEXT SUMMARY

In our text, II Thessalonians 1:1-4, Paul introduces his second letter to the Thessalonian church.

- What similarities do you see to his introduction in I Thessalonians?
- What differences do you see?

INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. Paul focuses in on our relationship to God the Father and the Son. Why is this so critical?
2. Grace to you and peace are common statements in Paul's introductions to his letters. What do these words communicate?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

1. The sermon emphasizes the relationships within the church. How is this recognized in the text?
2. Why are the relationships within the church critical to our spiritual development?

SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

1. How would you describe a growing love within the church?
2. Increasing love?
3. Reference is make in the sermon to I Thessalonians 3:11-13 where Paul prays for and connects increasing love to one's growth in holiness. What are the implications of this connection?