

GROWTH GROUP



REFLECT

1. What was something new you learned about 2 Thessalonians from this week's sermon?

ENCOUNTER

When we begin to study a new book of the Bible, it is often helpful to familiarize ourselves with the whole book. Who was the author? What was happening in the life of the audience? Are there clues about when it was written? What key themes saturate the book? Is the tone joyful or sober, direct or kind?

Let's familiarize ourselves with 2 Thessalonians by reading key verses from each of the three chapters.

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-7. What words describe the Thessalonian believers' experience? What was their response?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2. What had some of the Thessalonians alleged? Why did Paul write to them?
4. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13. What sin and temptation had some of the Thessalonian Christians succumbed to? What was Paul's admonition? What was Paul's tone?

5. How would you summarize the occasion and purpose of 2 Thessalonians?

TRANSFORM

6. According to 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, God will one day right every wrong and repay every affliction. How can you trust God to do this?
7. Spend time sharing and thanking God for how he is increasing your faith and love for one another.

PRAYER REQUESTS

*How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.*

*Till then I would your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.*

~ "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" by John Newton ~