

## 2 Thessalonians Study Format and introduction

### 1. Purpose of the homegroup

- a. To teach and practice the regular inductive bible study individually to share corporately. (To learn how to fish rather than to come and eat the fish that someone else caught.)
- b. The goal is not to understand every detail of what 2 Thessalonians has to teach but to practice how to glean from the text on your own.

### 2. The goal is to instill a high view of God's word.

- a. The bible is inerrant (everything written in the original manuscript is without error from God)
- b. The bible is authoritative.
- c. The bible is sufficient.
- d. The intake and application of the bible must take priority.

### 3. Order of priority in how we come to biblical truths

- a. Exegesis (inductive bible study)
- b. Systematic Theology
- c. Historical Theology
- d. Philosophical Theology

### 4. Overview of 2 Thessalonians

- a. 2 Thessalonians was written right after Paul received a second report from them. (49-51 A.D.)
- b. It was written in Corinth while he was there doing ministry for an extended period of time.
- c. The report came back that some of the concerns he's expressed in 1 Thessalonians has come to fruition.
  - i. The persecution that Paul warned about have intensified and he needed to exhort them to persevere with their eyes on the eternal prize for the true believers. (chapter 1)
  - ii. There were false teachings that have confused the Thessalonians church that the second coming has already happened. This letter is written to assure them that the man of lawlessness must first appear to carry out his work before Christ comes back. (chapter 2)
  - iii. Some were living undisciplined lives in light of the second coming of Christ. If Christ already came then there is no point to their striving. If Christ is going to come then why do they need to be so diligent and labor? Paul writes to exhort them to live diligently as Paul and his companions did to leave an example and to discipline those who refuse to work. (chapter 3)

### 5. Some examples of how exegesis may not be the top priority in our conclusions

- a. Can you defend the doctrine of the trinity from the bible especially the Godhead of the third person of the Trinity?
- b. Can you explain why we do not ask women in the church to wear coverings over their head during worship?
- c. Can you defend from specific scripture why you are a Baptist verses a Presbyterian or a Methodist?

### 6. Outline of 2 Thessalonians

- a. Introduction and overview study
- b. 1:1-4 (Thankfulness for the Thessalonians)
- c. 1:5-10 (God's Judgment and reward)
- d. 1:11-12 (Paul's Prayer for them)
- e. 2:1-6 (instruction about end times)
- f. 2:7-10 (The coming of the lawless one)
- g. 2:11-14 (Difference Between those who are deceived and saved)
- h. 2:15-17 (exhortation to persevere)

- i. 3:1-5 (Request for prayer)
- j. 3:6-10 (Live diligently)
- k. 3:11-15 (How to deal with the unruly)
- l. 3:16-18 (Final exhortation)