

2 THESS. 3:6-18

WORDS TO LIVE BY
SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 AVOID

- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6. Who were the Thessalonians to avoid, and why?
- What does it mean to walk in idleness and why should we surround ourselves with people who push us toward faithfulness (e.g. Hebrews 10:23-25)?

#2 IMITATE

- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9. What kind of example did Paul, Timothy, and Silas provide for these believers (e.g. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7, 2:5-12)?
- Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Ephesians 5:1-2? Why is living a life of imitation so important?

#3 WORK

- Look at 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12. Talk about what Paul meant when he said some were not busy at work, but were busybodies? Why was this not good?
- Why should Christians be known for a strong work ethic and how does that glorify God?

#4 PERSEVERE

- Check out 2 Thessalonians 3:13-15. Why were some of the Thessalonians being tempted to give up?
- How should Christians properly hold other Christians accountable and help restore them when they are in sin (e.g. Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-10)?

#5 RECEIVE

- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18. What did Paul encourage these Thessalonian Christians to receive in these final verses?
- Why was it important for the Thessalonians to understand that Paul wrote this letter (e.g. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a)?
- Why is it imperative that we receive the Word of God as the Word of God and not the word of man (2 Timothy 3:16)?