

1 THESS. 5:12-22

DO'S + DON'TS

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

LET'S TALK!

DO'S

- Respect, honor, + love spiritual leaders
- Admonish the idle
- Help the weak
- Seek to do good to others
- Pray continually
- Test everything
- Abstain from evil
- Be at peace with one another
- Encourage the fainthearted
- Be patient with all
- Rejoice always
- Give thanks in all circumstances
- Hold fast to what is good

DON'TS

- Repay evil for evil
- Quench the Spirit
- Despise prophecies

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. As you read the text, mark what stands out to you and discuss.
- Why would Paul give these specific final instructions to the Thessalonians?
- As you look at the list of DO's and DON'TS above, which of those might you struggle with the most (discuss your answers)?
- What does it mean to quench the spirit and why should we not do that?
- We are not saved by "dos and don'ts," but rather by what Christ has already done. How does understanding what Christ has done, impact the way we understand and live the "do's and don'ts?"
- Focus on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. How does a Christian "rejoice always," "pray always," and "give thanks always?"
- Take a moment and spend some time in prayer regarding each of the things mentioned above. Ask the Lord to help you individually and as a family regarding the "dos and don'ts." Also pray for our church regarding these things.