

1 THESS. 2:17-3:13

“BATTLE”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 GOD UNITES | SATAN DIVIDES

- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-19. Why were Paul and his friends “torn apart” from the Thessalonian believers?
- How was Satan a hindrance?
- What is biblical unity and why does Satan seek to destroy it?

#2 GOD TESTS | SATAN TEMPTS

- Read 1 Thess. 3:1-5. What were the Thessalonians facing that worried Paul?
- What did Paul mean when he said he feared the “tempter has tempted them?”
- What’s the difference between testing and tempting (e.g. James 1:13-15)?

#3 GOD USES | SATAN ABUSES

- Read 1 Thess. 3:6-10. How did God use the Thessalonians in Paul’s life?
- Why did Paul love these believers so much?
- Discuss this phrase: “God wants to use you for His glory and Satan wants to abuse you for his glory.”

#4 GOD PURIFIES | SATAN CORRUPTS

- Read 1 Thess. 3:11-13. What did Paul pray would increase for the Thessalonians?
- How does God “establish our hearts blameless in holiness?”
- Read Colossians 3:5-17. What things are we to “put off” and what things are we to “put on” as Christians?

#5 GOD SAVES | SATAN DESTROYS

- Read the end of 1 Thessalonians 3:13, along with 1:10 and 2:12. Why is remembering that Jesus is coming again and belonging to His Kingdom so important?
- What is God’s objective for your life versus Satan’s (see John 10:10)?
- Who is the Christian’s only enemy (e.g. Ephesians 6:11-12)?
- Discuss this quote: “There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.” -C.S. Lewis