

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: WHERE HOPE LIVES
1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-3
FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 21, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Hope is alive in relationships that are marked by the Gospel. (5 Marks of Gospel Relationships)

1. Recognize the people that the Gospel brings. 1 Thess. 1:1a
2. Remember the position that the Gospel ensures. 1 Thess. 1:1b
3. Repeat the promises that the Gospel holds out. 1 Thess. 1:1c
4. Rely on the power that the Gospel provides. 1 Thess. 1:2
5. Rejoice in the evidence that the Gospel produces. 1 Thess. 1:3

REVIEW THE PASSAGE

What stood out to you from the sermon as important background information on the church of the Thessalonians? What does Scripture tell us about how the church was formed? (Use Acts 17:1-9 and 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13 for reference)

Who are the 3 names mentioned and what is significant to know about each of them?

How does this introduction compare or contrast to the introductions of Paul's other letters?

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Review the 5 marks of Gospel relationships above that come from the passage. What are easy and what are difficult for you? For your small group: what areas are going well and what areas need attention? What would this look like?

How consistent are you in praying for other believers? What sorts of things do you pray about (or would it be good to begin praying about)? What changes when you pray consistently in this way?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Rejoice in the evidence the Gospel produces: Take some time and share the "evidences of grace" you see: in your life, in your family, in the small group, and in our church.

Repeat the promises the Gospel holds out: Where do you need encouragement right now? Ask the small group to point to promises in the Scriptures that you can hold on to.