

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

LIVING HOPE: AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL  
1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-10  
FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 28, 2021

## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Together, we imitate the living hope given to us as an example for others.

1. Grounding in the loving choice of God. 1 Thess 1:4-5
2. Commitment to replicating the work of God. 1 Thess 1:6-7
3. Devotion to sharing the good news of God. 1 Thess 1:8
4. Resolve to serve the true and living God. 1 Thess 1:9-10

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What was the news that was spreading about the Thessalonians? How do you think non-believers would describe Christians in our city?
3. What fruit of the gospel in your life encourages you in your moments of doubt?
4. What dangers exist for you if you neglect sharing your faith?
5. What presently hold you back from being more courageous in sharing your faith? What step can you take this week to grow in boldness?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Where is there specific proof in your life that you are turning from idols to serve the true and living God?
2. Who in your life routinely reminds and declares to you gospel realities (as Paul does in vs. 4 & 5)? What step will you take this week to establish or strengthen this needed rhythm in your life?
3. How can you pursue more gospel focus in your conversations?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that the gospel would be visible in such a way that other Christians and unbelievers would know that the gospel is not merely words but that it comes with the power of God.
2. Ask that God would open doors for fruitful gospel witness?
3. Pray that God would make you into a person that others can imitate as you walk with Christ, trusting and serving him.