

GROWTH GUIDE

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LIVING HOPE: LEADERSHIP LESSONS PART 2
1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20
FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 14, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Godly leaders hold gifts to point others to a living hope.

Gifts godly leaders must be giving:

1. Instruction from the Word of God. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
2. Encouragement through the opposition. 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16
3. Investment into the relationship. 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

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. Starter: If someone were to survey your life, what would they conclude you're most invested in? What would they see that would lead them to this conclusion?
3. Why is giving counsel from the Word of God a crucial characteristic of a godly leader?
4. How committed are you to both giving and receiving the words of God rather than man's wisdom? In which context is this most challenging for you?
5. Does the way you help and influence others demonstrate you trust a gospel that is "the power of God for salvation" (Romans 1:16) despite opposition?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What's one way this week's passage challenges or encourages you?
2. Paul sends Timothy, in part, to ensure that the believers will not be moved by their afflictions. Are there any difficulties you're currently facing, or have recently faced, that have threatened your firm standing in faith or tempted you away from gospel faithfulness?
3. What relationships are you investing in right now for gospel fruitfulness?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for the gospel to be powerfully at work in your life, circle of influence, and witness.
2. Pray for a willing heart to sacrifice for the gospel and for others.
3. Pray for the gospel leaders in our church.