

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: LEADERSHIP LESSONS PART 3

1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-13

FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 21, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Leading others toward hope in Christ takes a greater investment than I might expect.

1. Willing sacrifice. 1 Thess. 3:1-2
2. Thoughtful anticipation. 1 Thess. 3:3-5
3. Genuine concern. 1 Thess. 3:6-10
4. Faithful direction. 1 Thess. 3:11-13

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 is God asking you to sacrifice or what have you sacrificed for others for the sake of the Gospel?
3. Paul's genuine concern for the believers was so deep that it spilled over in him sending Timothy to encourage them in their faith. Do you experience the same affection towards your church family and those under your influence? Why or why not? (See verses 1 and 5.)
4. Do you ever view your need to increase in love towards others as a work that can be accomplished apart from the Lord? How does verse 12 inform your perspective?
5. What are the challenges and opportunities that you are anticipating for the people that you are leading right now?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Did you abide through prayer and Bible reading this week? What specifically are you moved to change this week and how are you going seek to accomplish this?
2. In what ways this week have you experienced external temptation (see verse 5, "the tempter"), and internal temptation (see James 1:14)? How have you resisted this temptation?
3. Have you been encouraging others in their walk with Christ this week (for example, spouse, children, friends, co-workers)?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that the Lord would cause you to increase in your capacity and intentionality to love others.
2. Pray that you will take tangible steps to grow in your gospel leadership this week.
3. Pray that you will resist temptation, both external and internal, with the hope of Christ's victory over temptation for the redeemed.