

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

LIVING HOPE: LEADERSHIP LESSONS  
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12  
FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 7, 2021

## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Through godly leadership you can lead others to hope in Christ.

Godly leaders lead toward hope in Christ by...

1. Bold proclamation, not selfish scamming. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2
2. Faithful stewardship, not misguided priorities. 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4
3. Gentle care, not personal gain. 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8
4. Blameless conduct, not baseless burden. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-10
5. Clear instruction, not unfair expectations. 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

## 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: Tell us about a great leader you've personally known. What made them a great leader?
3. What is boldness? As a believer, why do you need it and what should you do with it?
4. The church is sometimes infiltrated by swindlers and shams. What does this passage teach us about how to not become one ourselves?
5. What might it look like for you to share not only the gospel, but also your own self? How are you inspired by the example of Christ in Matthew 20:28?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What's one way this week's passage challenges or encourages you?
2. With Paul's description of leadership in mind ("holy and righteous and blameless"), share a success or failure of leadership in your life.
3. What might verses 11-12 look like in your life this coming week?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for boldness (Acts 4:29-31).
2. Pray for the leaders in your life.
3. Pray for your own godly leadership qualities to grow.