

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: HOPE FOR THE AFFLICTED
2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-12
FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Those redeemed by God have a living hope to sustain through great affliction.

1. God will respond to the affliction. 2 Thess. 1:5-7a
2. God will act in righteous judgment. 2 Thess. 1:7b-10
3. God will sustain you for his calling. 2 Thess. 1:11-12

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. Why is it important to remember the context of the church that first received these words? How would they have heard and applied these words and how can we learn from them?
3. What encouragement does the righteous judgment of God bring to those suffering for the kingdom of God?
4. Why is a proper theology of the character of God important when thinking about his righteous judgment? How does a low view of God hurt our understanding of his working?
5. How are you encouraged by remembering that it is God that will “make you worthy of his calling?”

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How are you seeing God at work in your life to “fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you?”
2. Paul was intentionally praying for the believers in Thessalonica. What brothers and sisters in Christ are you praying for and what are you praying for them?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray the churches around the world that are experiencing affliction for the kingdom of God.
2. Thank God for the hope that we have in the coming of Jesus Christ on that day.
3. Ask God to give you a compassion for those that are hostile to God and his purposes.