

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: A HEALTHY CHURCH
1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-18
FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: A healthy church is where our living hope in Christ thrives.

Marks of a healthy church:

1. We value leaders rightly. 1 Thess. 5:12-13
2. We minister to others diligently. 1 Thess 5:14-15
3. We worship God continually. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

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. In the church, when leaders are doing what God has called them to do and when the members are valuing the leaders rightly, what is the result? What other verses teach us how to respond to the leaders in the church? What other verses teach us what leaders are to do?
3. Admonishment is mentioned twice in these verses. What situations require admonishment and how should it look? Why is admonishing each other hard to do? Why is it necessary and what is the result when it is done well?
4. What are the differences between helping, encouraging, and admonishing (v.14)? How has someone done one or all of these to you in the past and what was the result?
5. Look at verses 16-18. Which of those needs to increase more in your life? What would that look like this week?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Who is God calling you to minister to in the church right now? From verse 14, what are you being led to do?
2. What are you rejoicing for or thanking God for right now? Spend some time sharing and expressing worship to God for those things.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Give thanks to God for the specific ways he is working in your life.
2. Ask God to increase our dependency on him for prayer in our church.
3. Pray that God would use you to minister to others in the church.