

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: DO NOT BE DECEIVED
2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-17
FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: The way we wait for God to work reveals our confidence in Him and His plan.

1. Our source of confidence. 2 Thess. 2:1-12

a. God has told us all we need to know.

b. Evil is at work to deceive.

2. The result of our confidence. 2 Thess. 2:13-17

a. Thankfulness for God's plan.

b. Standing firm without alarm.

c. God has a perfect plan.

d. Jesus wins in the end.

c. Holding fast to the Word of God.

d. Letting God comfort troubled hearts.

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 the danger of focusing in too much on what we do not know at the risk of missing what we do know? Several things we know for certain were mentioned in the sermon. What were those and what else from this passage do we know for certain?
3. Where in your life are you being reminded to be thankful for God's perfect plan? What stands in the way of our thankfulness?
4. As believer's when we hold fast to the Scriptures, it leads to us standing firm without alarm. How have you been encouraged or challenged by the Word of God in the last week?
5. What impact does knowing that Jesus wins in the end bring to the way we live now? Are there times that you doubt this or forget this is true?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What ways do you need to let God comfort your troubled heart? What does letting God establish your heart in "every good work and word" look like in your life right now?
2. Are there any areas that you are quickly shaken or alarmed right now? What response is the Word of God calling you to take?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Thank God for the assurance we have in his perfect plan and the promise of victory in Jesus.
2. Ask God to give you the strength to stand firm in the midst of challenges and opposition.
3. Pray for those you know that are trouble and ask God to comfort their hearts.