



hope and holiness

a study in
1 thessalonians

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5.
2. According to 2:19-20, why did Paul and his companions want to see the Thessalonian Christians again so badly?
3. What does that mean? What was Paul looking forward to when Christ comes back?
4. Why does this common victory mean our faith can't be private?
5. Do you find it hard to think this way about your brothers and sisters in Christ? Are there some people that it's easier to think this way about? What do you think makes the difference?
6. What can you do to think this way more about your brothers and sisters in Christ at Forward?
7. What are Christians destined for, according to 3:3-4?
8. Has this proven to be true in your life? How so?
9. How has this affliction/suffering affected you? Has it changed your faith?
10. Compare Mark 4:16-17 with 1 Peter 1:6-7. What does suffering do to faith?
11. First Thessalonians 2:18 and 3:5 talk about an enemy who wants to see our faith shaken. First Peter 5:8-9 talks about him too. Who is this enemy? Have you given much thought to his role in suffering? How do you feel about this?
12. Why does this common adversity mean our faith can't be private?
13. What can you do to help our church be a community that points to Christ, encourages, challenges and corrects sin?