



# hope and holiness

a study in  
1 thessalonians

## Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28.
2. This passage seems like a list of commands that aren't really related to each other, but the purpose of them is stated in verses 23-24. What is the purpose as stated in these verses? What are these verses talking about? (Hint, think about the words hope and holiness)
3. The commands in verses 12-22 are a strategy of how to live with hope and holiness each day until Christ returns. They all have to do with living in the community of the local church.
4. Read verses 12-13. What are these verses talking about?
5. Who are the leaders in the church? How do deacons and elders work together? (You might need to talk about how our church has been developing in this area a bit, but don't get too sidetracked).
6. How do we support and respect the leadership of the church? How does doing so help us live together in hope and holiness?
7. Read verses 14-15. What are these verses talking about?
8. The leaders have a special responsibility to care for and minister to the people, but what are we commanded to do for each other in these verses? Which of these are hardest for you?
9. How can we do them better? How will this help us live together in hope and holiness?
10. Read verses 16-18. What are these verses talking about?
11. Don't forget that the context of these verses is about community in the local church. So we need to talk to God together. How can we help each other with rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks?

12. How have you found your brothers and sister in Christ helpful in this area? How has it helped you live together in hope and holiness?
13. Read verses 19-22. What are these verses talking about? Don't forget that the context of these verses matter. Don't pick and choose them separately, but see them together.
14. What are the two kinds of prophesy in the Bible that Steve talked about on Sunday? How are they different? Which does this verse talk about?
15. Do you expect God to speak to you through other Christians or do you think you tend to quench the Spirit? How can you grow in this area?
16. How do we test prophecies to see if they are good or evil?