

Gospel Encouragement (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

The Thessalonians were a young church in need of encouragement. How did the good news of Jesus encourage them to keep going? How does this good news of Jesus encourage us today?

20 Gospel Encouragements or Exhortations

Respect your leadership
Esteem leadership very highly in Love
Be at Peace
Admonish the idle
Encourage the fainthearted
Help the weak
Be patient
Don't repay evil for evil
Always look to do good
Rejoice Always
Pray Continuously
Give thanks in all circumstances
Don't suppress the Holy Spirit
Don't slight prophecies
Test everything
Hold on to the good
Abstain from every form of evil
Pray for leadership
Greet your brothers and sisters
Share the Gospel!

QUESTIONS

1. Read through 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 slowly (do it two times if you can). What stands out to you? Does anything encourage, challenge, convict or surprise you?
2. How does House Group help us faithfully walk out the instructions we find in 5:12-22 (especially verse 14)?
3. Share a time when you have been encouraged by someone else? How did it impact you? Have you encouraged someone recently? What did it require of you to step out in that way?
4. These verses are calling followers of Jesus to live their lives in a particular way. How does the gospel (the good news) of Jesus empower us to live out the instructions we find in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28?
5. Paul's closing prayer for the Thessalonians found in 5:22-23 is packed. Read through it again. What is Paul asking / what does he desire for them? What would happen if we begin to pray this very thing for Local Church St. Pete?
6. When was the last time you shared the gospel (the good news) of Jesus? What were your biggest barriers? How did you approach it?
7. If you've never shared the gospel with anyone before where might you begin?

Take some time to pray we would be a community of Jesus followers determined to live a lifestyle of encouragement rooted in the good news of Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us apply the good news of Jesus to our own lives – day by day. Then let's ask for boldness to share that same good news with others.