**V. What can we learn from the Thessalonians**

**A. We Should Work**

**B. We should Live Wisely**

**C. We should live Waiting**

***Core Seminars—New Testament***

**Class 25: 2 Thessalonians**

1. **Introduction, Background, Purpose**

* Church established by Paul
* Paul forced to leave quickly, before teaching complete
* Persecution
* Continued theological confusion about Jesus’ return

1. **Outline and Structure**

I. Opening ([1:1–2](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B1.1-2))

II. Thanksgiving and Comfort for the Persecuted Thessalonians ([1:3–12](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B1.3-12))

III. Refuting the False Claim about the Day of the Lord ([2:1–17](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B2))

IV. Transition ([3:1–5](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B3.1-5))

V. The Problem of the Idlers ([3:6–15](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B3.6-15))

VI. Conclusion ([3:16–18](http://www.esvonline.org/2%2BThessalonians%2B3.16-18))

**III. What was the Thessalonians’ problem?**

**A. The Problem**

**(3:6-12)**

**B. The Cause**

**(2:1-3)**

**C. The Solution**

Know the truth

Obey the truth

**IV. How did the Thessalonians fall into this problem?**

**A. Our relationship with God in the present**

**B. Our relationship with God in the future**