

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: Who is your favorite Avenger and why? (Yes, the superheroes)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** In verses, 3-4 what are the Thessalonians experiencing and why does Paul give thanks to God for them?
2. What is the connection between their perseverance in affliction and God's righteous judgement in verse 5? What is Paul trying to encourage them with?
3. What do we see God doing in vs. 5-7? What do we learn about God's heart when he sees his people suffering for His name?
4. What do we learn about the second coming of the Lord Jesus in this passage? How will it be experienced by those who know God and those who do not?
5. What are the distinguishing markers of those who suffer eternal destruction on the Last Day and those who will be glorified?
6. How is the promise of coming judgement a comfort to this church in affliction? Is it a comfort to you? Why or why not?
7. Knowing that those who trust in Christ will be exalted and avenged on the Last Day, how should that shape the way we live today? What does the text say God doing in His people before He comes again?
8. Discuss what it means live "worthy of his calling"? What does it look like in everyday life?
9. Take some time in your Small Group to pray that the name of Jesus might be glorified in us and that our church would display Jesus' worth and majesty more and more.