

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

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

Ice Breaker: What is your ultimate comfort meal?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** What is the crisis of faith facing the Thessalonian church? What does Paul say needs to happen before the day of the Lord?
2. **Context:** How does Paul describe those who are deceived by the false signs and wonders of the lawless one? (vs. 9-12)
3. In vs. 13-14, what does Paul say is the reason they have confidence the Thessalonians will not be deceived but saved on the day of the Lord? (see 1 Thess. 1:3-4). What do these verses tell us about how we are saved?
4. Considering God's saving work, what does Paul call them to do in view of the coming man of lawlessness and the persecution they are now facing?
5. What are the means of grace Paul calls them to take hold of in order to withstand future trials found in this passage? What are other means of grace God gives us to stand firm?
6. How does the word of God help us to stand firm against persecution we may face or struggles to believe that come from our own heart? What are some passages that have personally anchored your soul in times of trouble?
7. What do we learn about Jesus and our Heavenly Father from the beautiful benediction in verses 16-17?
8. How does Jesus provide eternal comfort and good hope? What does it look like to take hold of that?
9. What are the worldly comforts that draw our hearts away from the eternal comfort and hope in Christ? How have these worldly comforts failed to bring lasting peace amidst trial? Why do we so often take hold of fleeting comforts of this world rather than the eternal comfort of Jesus?
10. How does the grace of Jesus lead us to good works as we wait for his coming kingdom? What are the good works God is calling you to walk in today?