

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

**Ice Breaker:** What's a prayer you've seen God answer in the past year?

**Ice Breaker:** Who was the first person to share the gospel with you?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** How did Paul encourage the Thessalonians the man of lawlessness would not deceive them in 2 Thess. 2:13-17?
2. What are the two things that Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for his ministry?
3. What can we learn about what Paul believes about prayer from this request?
4. What are your current attitudes towards prayer? What are the barriers both internally and externally that keep us from a sustained, fruitful prayer life?
5. Paul asks that the word of the Lord (the gospel) would speed ahead and be honored (believed). What is the gospel? What are the essential elements of the gospel necessary for salvation?
6. Why is it important we are clear with the gospel?
7. Paul's second request is to pray for deliverance from wicked and evil men. What is Paul's confidence that not only his companions but also the Thessalonians will ultimately be delivered from those who oppose the spread of the gospel?
8. What do you think are the biggest oppositions to the spread gospel in our day, both in the world and in our own hearts?
9. How has the Lord been faithful in history to advance his gospel despite fierce opposition?
10. Paul concludes this section in vs. 5 by offering a prayer of his own for the church. Take some time as a group to pray for the requests mentioned in this passage (gospel advancement, deliverance, hearts directed towards God's love and steadfastness of Christ). Consider taking the missionary prayer cards and praying these things for our global partners.