

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Ice Breaker: Who is someone you see as a hard worker worth emulating, and why?

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** What does Paul ask for in the previous passage? How does Paul's language and tone change from 3:1-5 to our current passage?
2. After reading vs. 6-15, what can we faithfully understand is happening in the Thessalonian church? What behavior is Paul looking to correct?
3. What is an example of idle, busy body behavior in our time? What form do these temptations take today?
4. What is the goal of Paul's command to "keep away" from the brother walking in idleness? Why is this a loving act?
5. What is church discipline and why is it something that is important for the church to practice it faithfully? (see Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-13)
6. What can we learn from Paul's example of how God wants us to work? Why is it so important that we pay close attention to how we work? How does work connect with our relationship with God?
7. What is a good work that you are growing weary in? Share this with your group and take some time to pray that you persevere in what the Lord has called you to walk in.

Resources on Church Discipline:

- *Is it Loving to Practice Church Discipline?* By Jonathan Leeman (available for \$2 at Book Wall)
- 9Marks Journal: <https://www.9marks.org/journal/church-discipline-medicine-for-the-body/>