

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



Date: June 27-28, 2020
Sermon Series: Tomorrowland
Sermon Title: Judgement
Sermon Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-11

Bottom Line

Unless there is an eternal judgment, there is no good news!

Scripture

2 Thessalonians 1:1-11

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

Pastor Dale's first point in this weekend's sermon was that, "you belong to God!" Think about the possessions that you own. What are some of your most precious possessions? What would our group be surprised that you collect?

Let's Talk

1. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2. What do these verses teach us about God? What does it mean to be given grace and peace from God? What does that look like in your life?
2. Read verses 3. When would you say that your faith grown the most? What does a flourishing faith look like? When have you experienced the true love of your brothers and sisters in Christ?
3. Look at verse 4. How have you been encouraged by the faith of other Christians in other churches? Paul was proud of the Thessalonians for their faith despite the persecutions and the trails that they were facing? Who are some Christians whose faith despite persecution have inspired you?
4. Read verses 5-9. What do these verses teach us about God's justice? What do they teach us about God's grace?
5. In his message, Pastor Dale showed how even secularists have an inborn sense of justice and judgment. He said that, "The only way justice can take place is someone has to see what's going on and make a fair judgment. That's one reason why judgment day is good news. God is watching." He then pointed out that judgment day means that nothing we do is forgotten. It means we can practice forgiveness. Judgment belongs in the hands of Jesus.
6. Read Matthew 25:31-46. What does this passage teach us about God's judgment? What does it teach us about God's grace? What does it teach us about heaven and hell?
7. How should what we know about eternal judgment impact how we live our lives today?

Let's Act

Let's end our time by praying for those who don't yet know Christ. Let's pray that God would help us to remember that He is the judge, not us. Thank God that we can trust Him.

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