



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Faithful One”
Complement to sermon on 12/1/2019 – “Joy”**

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. Would you rather ski, snowboard, or sit by the fire?

MEMORIZE – 2nd Thessalonians 1:11

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power

READ 1st Thessalonians (yes, all 5 chapters)

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
3. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
4. What can you learn about the church in Thessalonica from 1st Thessalonians? What were their strengths, fears? What was their current situation?
5. What is this passage revealing about God?
6. What is it revealing about us as humans?
7. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

Experiential activity

Understanding the Culture

The church in Thessalonica existed within a culture and that culture has a response to the church (as we saw in Acts 17). Take time and reflect on the culture in which you live (neighborhood, work, school, the Northeast, USA). How is the church viewed? How is the gospel received? What is culture longing for and how can they find these longings met in the Kingdom of God? Once you discover this, you now know what “good news” sounds like. After you discover this good news, take time and share it with people as you go through your day.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Joy to the World/ Shout for Joy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMCchG2SJVU>

Angels from the Realm of Glory/ Emmanuel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjyvuf4ZFcY>

Hail to the Lord's Anointed - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1MyeUpq3hc>

(remake to Mennonite hymnal #113)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go this week, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, be with you.