



INTRODUCTION

After giving thanks to God for all he has done to save them, Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to therefore “stand firm” in face of all threatens to drag them away from the Lord.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God’s word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday’s sermon?
- Do feel pressure to that pulls you away from the Lord or his commands? Discuss.

REVIEW

- Have someone read **2 Thess 2:15-17**
- In your own words what does it mean to stand firm?
- What is the apostolic tradition to which Paul refers?
- What is the good hope? How does hope provide comfort?
- What is Paul asking for when prays that God would establish them?

APPLICATION

- What must the church do to ensure its gospel-centered focus? What are some things that would detract a church from having/maintaining this focus?
- The three pressures that threaten our stability are opposition, false teaching and temptation. Which of these threats poses the greatest challenge to you? Discuss.
- Why do you think so many Christians do not stand firm?
- How can we keep from drifting away from Scripture?
- What role does the church play in providing our stability?
- Are you a hopeful person? Is that hope comforting? Explain.
- When was a time when you felt God’s strength?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?