

The Dawn of Justice Life Group Questions

Warm Up: What is the most memorable activity you did as a child with your family?

1. In 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Paul states that the faith of the Thessalonian church was “growing more and more” and their love “for one another is increasing.” How do we measure faith in a church? How do we measure love for one another in a church? Is your personal faith growing? Is your love for other believers increasing? Explain your evaluation of yourself in these two qualities.

2. In verse 4 Paul acknowledges that these believers are experiencing persecutions (hate crimes) and trials (internal emotional distress brought on by being obedient to Christ). Have you ever experienced persecution for your faith? If so, share what happened and how you responded. Have you ever experienced trials for being obedient to Christ? If so, share what happened and how you responded.

3. In verse 4 Paul says, “We boast about your perseverance and faith.” How does it make you feel when someone encourages you in your walk with Christ? Do you find it challenging to encourage others in their faith or do you do it with ease? Explain. Share some practical things we can do to encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

4. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10. Using the information in these verses discuss the following questions:

- What will happen to God’s people when Jesus returns?
- What will happen to those who have caused trouble for Christ and His people?
- Why is it important for us to understand what will happen to God’s people and to the people who reject Christ and cause trouble for His people?

5. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 is a prayer. We know “who” Paul is praying for, in your words explain what he is praying for. Why do you think Paul chose not to pray for their persecutions and trials to end?