



1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Now and Later Life - Week 1 | Ben Palm

Intro

Background

Make your faith _____.

work of faith

labor of love

steadfastness of hope

Remember your _____.

the powerful Gospel

pray for each other!

Questions to ponder, pray over, and discuss...

1. Discuss Paul's greeting to the Thessalonians. Why does he write "Grace to you and peace"? What is the significance of those two things, specifically to the early church?
2. Have you done or seen a work of faith in your life, where you stepped forward into something you thought impossible and saw God work? What did you learn from that?
3. What's a labor of love you're working on right now, or you should be working on?
4. When is it hardest to have steadfastness of hope? In other words, in what situations is it easiest to forget the hope that we have?
5. Re-read together out loud 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:3-4, Colossians 1:21-22, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Romans 5:8. Rest in the beauty of the Gospel. Remember and celebrate what Christ has done for you!
6. Where have you seen the power of the Gospel in your life? In the lives of others?
7. Do you keep a prayer journal, or a list of prayer requests? How do you remember to pray for others? How does the Spirit's promptings play a role in your prayer life?
8. Take some time and live out 1 Thessalonians 1:2 - pray for each other by name!
9. In preparation for the next sermon, read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10. What are some other ways the Thessalonians's faith was visible? Would you categorize any of the things they did as works of faith, labors of love, or steadfastness of hope?