

CLARITY

discussion guide

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Gospel | The Nature of Christian Love

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BELONG

What is something you enjoy making with your hands?

In verse 11, Paul adds several instructions. What point is he making? Why are these important for the people in a church—then and today? What are the downsides of God’s people being either too busy or too idle? How do you know in your life when you are getting too close to one extreme or the other?

GROW

Read [1 Thessalonians 4:1-2](#) and [4:9-12](#). Note that this passage continues the concept of “pleasing God” in Christian living.

Notice the words “so that” at the start of verse 12; what are the reasons—or benefits—for living in these ways that please God? How can living in this way open possibilities for sharing the Gospel with people you know at work, home, school, etc.?

Focusing on verses 9-10, what command of God were the Christians of Thessalonica known for?

How are you able to better love and serve those in the church and your community?

Who is someone you know that stands out as “loving one another” well in the church? Describe what causes you to think of them.

How has this passage helped you follow Jesus more effectively?

If the Thessalonians already excelled in this manner, why would Paul exhort them to “do this more and more”? What does this tell us about persistence and consistency in Christian living? How would you have reacted upon hearing this charge?

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Sunday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
Monday	Hebrews 10:19-39; Psalm 136:8-16; Proverbs 29:10-13
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-40; Psalm 136:17-26; Proverbs 29:14-16
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:1-29; Psalm 137; Proverbs 29:17-20
Thursday	Hebrews 13:1-25; Psalm 138; Proverbs 29:21-23
Friday	1 Peter 1:1-25; Psalm 139:1-5; Proverbs 29:24-27
Saturday	1 Peter 2:1-25; Psalm 139:6-13; Proverbs 30:1-4

serve

Echelon

Echelon is the youth version of the Salvation Army. The Army realized they were not reaching the younger generation and, as a result, created something that is tailored towards young adults. On December 9 there will be an event supporting the Salvation Army and Angel Tree. Click [here](#) to sign up for one of the two time slots on December 9. The time will be spent sorting and sending Angel Tree gifts that were purchased in the area. More information about this ministry can be found by clicking [here](#).

pray

Pray for global workers, Josh and Karen, that resources would be available as they continue to minister to those in physical and spiritual need.