# **CLARITY** discussion guide

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Gospel | True Friendship

Garland Autry | 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13



## **BELONG**

Who is an out-of-town friend or family member that you look forward to hosting when they visit?

Read aloud verses 11-13. What stands out to you about Paul's blessing for these Christians who have been found faithful despite difficulties?

#### **GROW**

**Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13.** Who was Timothy, and why did Paul send him to help the people of the church in Thessalonica (verses 1-3)?

**Going Deeper:** Read **2 Timothy 3:10-15** to learn how Paul taught Timothy to withstand persecution and suffering. Also, read **1 Corinthians 4:17**, **Philippians 2:19**, and **1 Timothy 1:3** to see how Paul sent Timothy to help equip other early churches.

Paul indicates in verses 4-5 that he expected they would experience affliction. What was he concerned might happen when they faced this persecution?

Paul and Timothy are strong Biblical examples of pouring into the lives of others. Who has invested in you spiritually? Where are you investing your life? Your time? Your money? Your talents/gifts? How could you expand your efforts in the coming months?

How can affliction negatively impact a person's spiritual life today? How can someone like Timothy help in these situations?

What is one thing that is most memorable for you about this passage? How does that encourage you in your spiritual walk?

The news about the Thessalonian church was all good. Describe Paul's reaction found in verses 6-10. Share about a time when good news about something you've prayed for has encouraged you to pray even more for a person or situation.

Connect DAILY clarity2020.org Sunday 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Monday 2 Corinthians 12:1-21; Psalm 125; Proverbs 28:1-3 **Tuesday** 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Psalm 126; Proverbs 28:4-6 Wednesday Hebrews 1:1-14; Psalm 127; Proverbs 28:7-9 **Thursday** Hebrews 2:1-18; Psalm 128: Proverbs 28:10-12 **Friday** Hebrews 3:1-19:

Saturday

Psalm 129; Proverbs 28:13-15

Psalm 130-131; Proverbs 28:16-18

Hebrews 4:1-13;

## 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 can be found by clicking here.

## pray

Pray for global worker, Will, that God would be glorified through the virtual meetings, and students would take the next step as goers and senders.