

## THANKSGIVING AND ENCOURAGEMENT 1 THESSALONIANS 3

# Chi Alpha Lifegroup Guide 1 Thessalonians

### LESSON PREP

- Identify the gospel truths in the chapter
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
- Read Acts 14:21-22
- Define biblical admonishment

### PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

How do you view suffering and trials? This is what we'll be discussing at Lifegroup tonight as we continue our study on the book of 1 Thessalonians.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

1 Thessalonians 3:12

### 10N1 FOLLOW UP

Where are you standing fast in besides the Lord. Dig. Get to the root of these things. What lies are you subconsciously believing?

### OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of 1 Thess.: <https://youtu.be/No7Nq6IX23c>

### INTRODUCTION

- What is the point of suffering? Does it even have a purpose?
- What is usually your response to suffering? (ignore it, talk to a friend, pray, alcohol, etc.)

### We are God's coworkers (1 Thess. 3:1-5)

- How does the concept of being God's coworker change your perspective on prayer and your role in God's story?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. How do these verses clarify the significance and meaning of being God's coworker?
- Read Acts 14:21-22. This is part of discipleship - strengthening and encouraging them to continue in faith through tribulations. How do you do this/what is the proper way to do this? Define "admonish" (ESV).
- Identify and clarify trials and suffering. Why do we have to go through this?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** *Throughout much of the New Testament it is made clear that we will face suffering and persecution. What is important is how we respond to those trials. Because we have been warned of these hard times, we should be prepared to turn to God and our brothers and sisters in Christ for encouragement and strength when we need it most. But we must make sure to avoid the temptation to rely on ourselves and forsake God and community during those difficult times.*

### Stand fast in the Lord (1 Thess. 3:6-13)

- What are you tempted to stand fast in other than the Lord?
- What are some ways to cultivate a heart that is edified by reports of God's grace?
- Does your love for others look like the love described in v. 12? How can you work toward looking more like this model of love?

### APPLICATION

We need to God and community at all times, but they become especially important during trials or suffering. What can you do this week to invest in your relationship with God and with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

