

THANKSGIVING AND COMFORT
2 THESSALONIANS 1

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Lifegroup Guide
2 Thessalonians

LESSON PREP

- Identify the gospel truths in the chapter
- Recall 1 Thess 1:3; 3:12; 5:8; 3:3-4; and 4:13-18
- Read Psalm 139:23-24

PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Why do you do “good” things?

This is what we’ll be discussing at Lifegroup tonight as we begin our study on the book of 2 Thessalonians.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

2 Thessalonians 1:4

10N1 FOLLOW UP

Evaluate their motives deeper. Ask questions, dig.

OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of 2 Thessalonians: <https://youtu.be/kbPBDKOn1cc>

INTRODUCTION

- Review context resource sheet and 1 Thessalonians.

Gratitude and Suffering (2 Thess. 1:1-5)

- Why do you think Paul uses the word “right” to describe gratitude? What does this imply about ingratitude? How does Paul’s statement here correspond to his prayer in 1 Thess 3:12?
- How do the characteristics identified here correspond to the ones listed in 1 Thess 1:3 and 1 Thess 5:8?
- What does Paul mention again that we will go through? Refer to 1 Thess 3:3-4
- What does it mean to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God?

Judgement (2 Thess. 1:5-12)

- Compare verses 5-12 to 1 Thess 4:13-18. Is Paul referring to the same event or different ones?
- What does verse 6 reveal to you about the results of those who afflict you? Clarify what it actually looks like for someone to afflict you (affliction as a result from living for the gospel).
- What do we learn about the nature of hell from verse 9?
- For whom is Christ returning?

God is Glorified (2 Thess. 1:11-12)

- What happens to our every good decision and work if God is taken out of the picture? What effect should this have on our hearts?
- Why is the “so” in verse 12 so important? What are we tempted to do with our good works? What is the actual purpose of our good works?
- God’s glory must be our motive.
- What are you tempted to let be your motive sometimes? This requires a lot of self awareness, and most people don’t even realize the true nature of their motives.
- Pray for God to search your heart. Read Psalm 139:23-24

APPLICATION

Be thankful. Grow in faith, love, and steadfastness. Endure suffering. Glorify God.

