

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Hope Now and Forever**

Sermon Title: **A Hope-Filled Church**

Scripture Passage: **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4**

1) Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 as a group.

2) How did the sermon impact you as you listened to it?

3) There are two places where hypocrisy cannot thrive, intense suffering and belief in the imminent return of Jesus. Can you think of any other places? How do each of these places root out hypocrisy?

4) In verses 1-3, we learned of the Thessalonians' faith that is growing abundantly. Trials bring about this growth. What have been some trying times in your life, which have been used by God to bring about growth? Thank the Lord together for the ways he has grown you in your faith.

Are there situations in your life presently that have led to stagnation rather than growth? As you share them, lift them up to the Lord in prayer. Encourage one another to grow through trying times.

5) In verse 3, we learn of their love for others that is increasing. What do Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:21, and 1 John 4:7 teach about the source of this love?

What challenges inhibit the ability of your love to increase in relationships? Pray that the Lord would deepen your love for one another and for others in your life.

6) In verse 4, we learn of their perseverance that validates our commitment. Read 1 Corinthians 15:57. In what ways might you be experiencing this victory in your life at the present?

In what ways might you be experiencing defeat or to use Pastor Jerry's words, "crumbling"? Pray that the Lord would strengthen you and your commitment in the days ahead.

7) Pray that the Lord would help you live out the truths of this passage in your everyday life.