

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Hope Now and Forever**

Sermon Title: **Hope for Suffering Saints**

Scripture Passage: **2 Thessalonians 1:5-12**

Getting Started

1) Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 together as a group. What did God teach you as you listened to the sermon?

2) Put yourself in the place of a first century believer who is facing tremendous persecution...what would you be most concerned about and what would go through your head when you are staring public harassment, beatings, murder, etc. right in the face? (Look at the language Paul uses in vs. 5-12)

3) In today's culture, a person can claim to be "suffering" for just about anything. Does scripture make any distinction about suffering?

4) “That’s not fair” is every child’s (and adults) favorite phrase. We have an innate sense of injustice, especially if the wrong is being done to us. Where does this come from? Why do we long for justice? (Look at vs. 6-10)

5) Today, many believers are struggling to survive. Take some time to

a) pray for your brothers and sisters around the world

b) do some research into some different countries where there is high persecution of believers and share what you learned

c) go through this week praying for the people in the country that you chose

6) Pastor Jerry said, “When we cry “unfair”, God says “I agree and some day I will settle the accounts”...How can we live our lives to reflect this concept? (Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5 again)

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