

groups

Study Group: Participant Guide
1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 – October 12th-18th

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

STUDY

Main Topics: Hindrance, Prayer

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

- How can Christians be hindered temporarily?
- Why can't Christians be permanently hindered by other people or demonic forces? (see Leader Notes)
- Paul says he kept telling the Thessalonians that they should expect to experience suffering as they follow Jesus. Why must we remember this?
 - When you were a nonbeliever or new Christian were you regularly told this?
- Why do we as a church believe you cannot lose your salvation? (see Leader Notes)
- How do we make prayer God-centered rather than man-centered?

APPLY

- How have you seen God use hindrances to further His good plan? (purposes?)
- Pastor Bill asked us to consider: "Do you have boldness and do you share the gospel without hindrance?" What did God show you when you asked that question?
 - Have you taken a step forward since last week when we talked about sharing the gospel?
- What can we learn from the story of Doris and the man from the IRS that Pastor Bill shared?
- What things are you tempted to see as your hope, joy, or crown before God instead of the people you share the gospel with?
- How do you want to pray differently based on what Pastor Bill shared Sunday? (see Leader Notes)
- What do you feel when you hear that God is willing to adopt us as His children?
- Paul said he was comforted and encouraged by the Thessalonians obedience. What can we learn about the power of obedience through this?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?