

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2 Thessalonians

These questions are for the **April 24, 2016** sermon, "The Ultimate Resource." Please read the sermon passage (2 Thessalonians 3:16-18) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

WE SHOULD SEEK . . .

1. **The peace of our Lord among us** (16a)
 - A. The source of our peace is God himself (and any other source will disappoint).
 - B. The gift of peace is received from God.
 - C. God makes peace available to us at all times (even when life happens).
 - D. God makes peace available to us in every circumstance (even in our hardest days).
2. **The presence of our Lord among us** (16b)
 - A. Don't just start with God and then launch our from there. Stay with God. Together.
 - B. Consider Moses (burning bush), Joshua (after Moses' death), Joseph (when falsely accused and imprisoned)--they knew peace because God was with them.
 - C. When God is with you, you can have his peace in plenty or in want; in peace or at war.
3. **The grace of our Lord among us** (18)
 - A. Take seriously the sinfulness of sin so that we can repent, living together in grace.
 - B. Treasure the beauty of the cross of Jesus Christ, which is the ultimate expression of God's love and grace.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: How have you looked for peace in all the wrong places? How has that search led to unrest and dissension?
2. Based on #1, above: Do your children and closest friends see that you are clinging to the peace that is in God alone in your hardest of circumstances? When your financial resources are gone? When your health is gone? When your adult children refuse God? When you feel as though you have been treated unjustly? How is God's peace real in your hardest days?
3. Based on #1, above: Is there some circumstance that always seems to bring unrest to your heart? How can the presence of God actually change you in that situation?
4. Based on #2, above: Peace comes from the presence of God himself (Psalm 23:4). It does not come from true words, or knowing about God or optimism. How do you spend time with God? What is the correlation between peace and being with God?
5. Based on #3, above: How are you growing in your duty of treasuring the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ more and more? How has this aided you in sanctification? How does your sanctification add to the peace of everyone else in the church family?