

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

2 THESSALONIANS

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 3-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on 2 THESSALONIANS by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: 2 Thessalonians 1



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. If you're just starting as a group, take some time to get to know each other by going around the circle and sharing your name, where you grew up, and something about your life.
2. Who is a mentor or friend who has had a significant impact on your spiritual life?



KEY VERSE

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that Paul surrounded himself with partners, mentors, and friends rather than going it alone in ministry. When have you struggled with trying to do things all on your own, and how can we support each other in accepting help and encouragement? *2 Thessalonians 1:1*
2. The teaching notes that thanking God for the growing faith and love of others actually helps us grow as well. Who is someone in your life whose spiritual growth you need to thank God for right now? *2 Thessalonians 1:3*

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3. We are reminded that God makes us worthy of His kingdom as a result of His righteous judgment, not our own efforts. How does knowing that God has already declared you worthy change the way you view your current struggles and insecurities? *2 Thessalonians 1:5*
4. The passage assures us that God is completely just and will eventually balance the scales, even if we don't see it now. What is a specific injustice or hurt you need to trust into God's capable hands today rather than trying to fix it yourself? *2 Thessalonians 1:6-7*
5. We learned that God's punishment is not vindictive but protective and based on His perfect justice. How does understanding the reality of eternal consequences motivate you to live differently in your daily choices?
2 Thessalonians 1:8-9
6. The teaching encourages us to pray that God would fulfill every good purpose and act prompted by faith in our lives. What is one specific "act prompted by faith" you feel God calling you to step into this week?
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

WEEK ONE



LIVING ON PURPOSE: DISCIPLESHIP

Identify one person you serve alongside (at church, work, or home) and intentionally thank them this week for the unique gifts they bring to the partnership.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to give each group member the strength to hold on through their current trials and the peace to trust His ultimate justice.



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWO: 2 Thessalonians 2



LISTEN

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WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, did you have a chance to thank a partner you serve alongside?
2. What is the most memorable "fake" or counterfeit item you've ever seen or accidentally bought?



KEY VERSE

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

2 Thessalonians 2:15



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that we should not be unsettled or alarmed by rumors about the end times, but instead look forward with anticipation. What tends to cause you the most anxiety about the future, and how can you replace that fear with hope in God's control? *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*
2. The passage explains that God allows evil for a time to provide us with a genuine choice to love Him. In the midst of difficult circumstances, how do you actively choose to trust God rather than becoming angry or apathetic? *2 Thessalonians 2:7*

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3. We are warned that those who refuse to love the truth become vulnerable to deception and the "lie." What steps do you take to stay grounded in biblical truth, and how can we encourage each other to consistently study God's Word? *2 Thessalonians 2:10-11*
4. The teaching points out that God chose us from the beginning to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit. How does the reality that God specifically chose and loves you impact your daily sense of self-worth? *2 Thessalonians 2:13*
5. We are instructed to stand firm and hold tightly to the truths that have been handed down to us. Who is someone that handed down the truth to you, and what is one core truth you are holding onto tightly right now? *2 Thessalonians 2:15*
6. The passage concludes with a prayer that God would give us eternal encouragement and strengthen us in every good deed. When you feel completely depleted, how do you practically tap into the eternal encouragement that God offers? *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

WEEK TWO



LIVING ON PURPOSE: WORSHIP

Spend 15 minutes this week reflecting on the mystery of God's sovereignty and praising Him for the fact that He is ultimately in control of human history.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would protect the group from the deceptions of anxiety, apathy, and pride, giving them a clear vision of His truth.



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK THREE: 2 Thessalonians 3



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WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how did taking time to praise God for His sovereignty impact your perspective?
2. What was your very first job, and what is one funny or difficult memory from it?



KEY VERSE

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

2 Thessalonians 3:16



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that Paul asked for prayer so the message of the Lord would spread rapidly and be honored. Who is one specific person you are currently praying will hear and honor the message of Christ? *2 Thessalonians 3:1*
2. The passage assures us that the Lord is faithful to strengthen and protect us from the evil one. Can you share a recent situation where you clearly felt God's protection or strength when you were facing a temptation?
2 Thessalonians 3:3

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3. We are warned against the dangers of being idle and becoming busybodies instead of doing meaningful work. When you find yourself getting distracted or lazy in your responsibilities, what helps you refocus and get back on track? *2 Thessalonians 3:11*
4. The teaching reminds us that any work putting bread on the table is valuable and honoring to God. How does viewing your daily job as a calling from God change your attitude on a difficult Monday morning? *2 Thessalonians 3:12*
5. We are instructed not to associate with believers who refuse to obey the truth, not to be mean, but to help them feel the natural consequences of their actions. When have you struggled to set healthy boundaries with someone who was making destructive choices, and how can we support each other in practicing tough love? *2 Thessalonians 3:14-15*
6. The chapter closes with a prayer that the Lord of peace would give us peace at all times and in every way. What is the biggest obstacle to your peace right now, and how can you invite the Lord of peace into that specific situation? *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

WEEK THREE



LIVING ON PURPOSE: FELLOWSHIP

Reach out to a fellow group member this week just to check in and see how you can specifically pray for their current work or family responsibilities.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to give the group the courage to work diligently in whatever tasks He has assigned them and to experience His deep peace in the process.



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