**Week 3 – Waiting for the Son: 1 Thessalonians Series**

*Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

**Introductory Discussion:**

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

**Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20**

**Discussion:**

1. What difficulties were the Thessalonians facing (v. 14-15)? How dangerous would this be to the faith of new Christians? Why?

2. How would Paul's example of perseverance in the face of persecution encourage them?

3. What do you suppose is the secret to Paul's faithful response to hostile opposition? How might verses 13-15 provide encouragement to both Paul and his readers?

4. Read Hebrews 4:12-13. What evidence do you have that the Word of God is living and active today? How do you react to this view of the Word of God: encouraged, frightened, or sobered?

5. What aspects of spiritual community and connection to the church bring you joy? What have you missed the most during our time away from each other? How can the experience of being separated for a season help us when we are able to gather again?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together as a group.

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