Week 4 – 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 3:1-13

Discussion:

1. If Paul promised the Thessalonian Christians trials and persecution when he was with them (v.4), why do you think he is having to write to them about it now?

2. If someone were to tell you that God promises a trouble-free life to those who are true Christians, how would you respond?

3. What was it about Timothy's report that particularly encourages Paul? Why? What does this tell you about Paul's desires and concerns for the Thessalonians?

4. What guidelines can you find in Pau's desires, concerns and prayers for those who disciple new Christians today?

5. In what specific ways have you been encouraged by someone else's faith? How you told them about it?

6. Which of Paul's prayer requests would you want someone to pray for you right now?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.

