

Specific Questions: Text: 1Thessalonians 5:16-22

1. Joy is derived from an awareness of God's goodness. What things distract us from that awareness? How can we become more consistently aware of His goodness?
2. Read Rom 1:18-23. It is possible to know God, at some level, yet not honor Him or give thanks. What is the outcome of that according to vv21ff? How do we see evidence of that process in the church?
3. We are warned not to "quench the Spirit." What are some ways that might happen? How do we become alert to the possibility of that happening? What are some ways to prevent it?
4. think about the way you buy groceries. What do you look for in your food choices (type, nutrition, favorites, source, price, date, quality) be specific about what you consider in your choices. Consider Acts 17:11. Are you that specific and intentional about spiritual matters? In what ways?
5. How does God define evil? If we are to abstain from evil, we need to be trained to recognize it. (consider: Rom 14:1-12; Mt 5:37; Ps.34:13; Amos 5:14-15). If a friend from church were to do evil in one of these ways, what would you do? Would you say anything?
6. Does the promise of Jesus' return shape your daily life? In what ways?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?