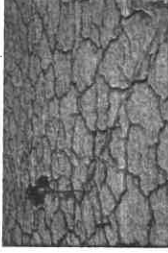


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you see God providing substantial fruits of your salvation like were discussed in the sermon or just behavior change? How can you keep a healthy perspective that recognizes the value of the fruit of changed behavior while also seeking the confidence that comes from those other fruits?
2. Who can you think of in your church whom God is calling you to come alongside? Remember, if you write it down, you're more likely to follow through, and if you feel comfortable sharing whom with others, you're more likely still.
3. How would you describe your relationship with the Church? Is it more biblical or cultural? How can you cultivate a more biblical heart for the Church?

Blanks: relationship, Heart, Action, Results, commitment, Prayer, faith, holds up, disciples, love, come alongside, heart, die



Series: DISCIPLESHIP—I Thessalonians

Lesson: Part 4 – Relationship in Discipleship

Passage: I Thess. 2:17–3:13

Review:

1. 1:1–10: Summary of what being a discipler and a disciple each mean
2. 2:1–12: Showing that Paul & Co. were true disciplers
3. 2:13–16: Showing how Thessalonians were true disciples
4. 2:17–3:13: The _____ between them as disciplers and disciples
 - The _____ Behind Their Relationship (2:17–20)
 - ἀποφανίζω [apóphanizō] –
 - Spiritual warfare in discipleship
 - Why do they say the Thessalonians are their ‘hope, joy, and crown of exultation’?

• The _____ Taken Because of Their Relationship (3:1-5)

- How do we reconcile their worry with Phil. 4:6?
Phil. 2:4; Ja. 2:14-17
- What do they do?
- How did they know what would happen?
Matt. 10:16-18; 24:9; Mark 13:9; Luke 21:12; John 15:18-21

• The _____ for Their Relationship (3:6-10)

- A 'divine turnaround'
- How would they 'complete what is lacking' in the Thessalonians' faith?
 1. *καταρτιζώ* [*katartizō*] –
 2. Discipleship is a _____ to each other's spiritual health!

• The _____ from Their Relationship (3:11-13)

- That they would finally get to see each other again
- That the Thessalonians would 'increase and abound in love'
- So that...

What do we do with this text?

1. What evidence is there that our _____ is real?
 - a. Faith that _____ under suffering (2:13-14)
 - b. Faith that produces _____ whose faith holds up under suffering (2:19-20)
 - c. Faith that grows in _____ (3:12-13)
2. Who is God calling us to _____?
 - a. Rom. 12:15 –
3. Where is our _____ for the Church?
 - a. Real discipleship will flourish when we see the Church with the same affection as the One Who loved her enough to _____ for her.