

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Good News of Your Faith” (1 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **“Walk-in’s Welcome”:** As a reminder, please pre-register for Sunday mornings whenever possible, this will reserve your seat. But if Sunday morning comes along and you didn’t register, walk-ins are always welcome as capacity allows. You will simply fill out a registration form at the check-in desk.
2. **Member Gathering:** our bi-annual member gathering will be held Sunday, October 25th from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Be sure to register in the email sent out on Monday.

DISCUSSION:

1. Icebreaker: see the Leader Resource page (<https://www.churchatbergen.org/group-leader-resources>) and pick an icebreaker from the link called: “75 Icebreaker Questions for Small Groups.”
2. Was there anything that really stood out to you in this past week’s sermon? What was it? Why did that particular aspect impress itself upon you?
3. This week’s sermon was called “Good News of Your Faith.” According to Paul, the news of other Christians flourishing in their faith and in their love for one another is good and right to be *shared* with the church. Why would hearing about someone else’s faith in Jesus and love for one another be beneficial for your own walk with Jesus?
4. Take some time to go around the group and share ways you have personally been encouraged/strengthened in faith, as well as love for one another.
5. Paul was consumed with and utterly concerned for the faith and love of the Thessalonians. He says, “*For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.*” What do you think needs to happen in our hearts and minds to feel and think the same way as Paul does about the Thessalonians? What do you think would change in the life of our church if we felt and thought this way?
6. **Read Proverbs 25:25.** How does this proverb relate to the “good news of our faith and love”? How does the news of faith and love act like water to a weary soul? What are the similarities of this to the good news of our faith and love?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13. What stands out to you in this benediction? How do you think *our* encouragement works together with Paul praying for God to “*make*” the Thessalonians abound in love?
8. How can we as a group keep the news of one another’s faith known to each other?

Prayer: that we as a church would be comforted through the news of one another’s faith and love. Pray for God to continue to make us abound in love for one another.