

RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Housekeeping

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

Read the Text

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 together.

Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Discussion

1/ Context is king. Read 1:4 and 2:1-3. Why is Paul urging this church community to “stand firm” and “hold fast” to the true teachings about Jesus?

2/ Jesus often railed against *human* tradition (Mark 7:8) and so did Paul (Colossians 2:8)! So then what are the “traditions” we are called to hold fast to?

3/ *Why* does Paul thank God in v. 13? Do you have a practice of thanking God for His work in others lives around you? If not, how could you start? What place does gratitude have in the life of a Christian? How is Christian gratitude unique?

4/ How does Paul pastorally “wield” the doctrine of election (v. 13)? Why is it important to “adorn” certain doctrines well? What are some pitfalls to avoid when applying this truth?

5/ Look at how the Father, Son, and Spirit are involved in our salvation. Talk about how that plays out in this passage. Why would this be encouraging to them? And how could it be encouraging to you?

6/ The prayer in v. 16 is a great prayer during hard times. What strikes you about this prayer?

Time of Prayer