

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 5:25-28

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Review all of the first letter to the Thessalonians and read carefully 1 Thess 5:25-28.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

²⁷ I adjure you by the Lord
to have this letter read to all the brethren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1. Review 2:2, 14, 17; 3:7 and answer: Why would Paul ask for prayer?
2. What is the most often repeated word in this paragraph? Why do you think Paul repeated this word here?
3. Review 3:1-8 and answer: What was the event that motivated Paul to write this letter?

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4. Review 1:2-10; 3:11-12; 4:1, 10 and answer: What is Paul's main concern in this letter? Is Paul concerned with false teachers (Colossians) or Judiazers (Galatians) or those accusing him of not being a real apostle (Corinthians) or something else?
5. What instruction does he give to correct a worry they have (4:13-5:11)?
6. If we at Summit Woods Baptist Church aren't experiencing significant conflict or persecution, what should be our concern and what should we do about it?

❖ Day 2

Review the letter and read 1 Thess 5:25-28 again.

7. Review 1:7-8; 4:10 and find Thessalonica on a map that includes the regions of Achaia and Macedonia, then answer: "All the brethren" are mentioned twice in this section. Is Paul pointing their attention to a single congregation? One city? How wide an area should the Thessalonians be engaged in?
8. How do we at SWBC influence churches in our city/region? How can we do so even more?

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9. Should we kiss one another as this verse commands? Why or why not? If not, how do we obey the spirit of the command?

❖ Day 3

Review the letter and read 1 Thess 5:25-28 again.

10. What does “adjure” mean?

11. What would it mean to adjure “by the Lord?”

12. How far should the Thessalonians spread this letter? What other places are mentioned in this letter where believers live? (give chapter and verse for each place.)?

13. What does the “grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” include? (Hint: see 5:23-24.) In which of these elements do you need to increase the most at this moment?

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14. Summarize this passage in one sentence without using any of the words in these verses.

15. Seek to summarize the message of 1 Thess in a couple sentences.

16. What have been the major takeaways for you in our study of 1 Thess.?

In preparation for Sunday, pray through this passage for

- those engaged in gospel proclamation (25)
- church leadership (25)
- that we would love and respect our family in Christ –both at SWBC and in other places (26)
- that we would speak this truth to each other (27)
- and that Christ would empower our ministry and sustain us until He returns! (28)