

Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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CONNECT

- So... what does “back to school” mean at your house this fall?

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- When you think about “God-glorifying living” for Christians eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus, what sorts of things come to mind? That is, what does “God-glorifying living” look like?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15. What is the first particular “type” of God-glorifying living that Paul emphasizes here with the Thessalonians? Is this something you normally think about as you consider how to live in a God-glorifying way? Why or why not? Why would this be something that is important?
- Paul writes that Christians are to “admonish the idle.” From Pastor Jeff’s message, who are the “idle” and what does it mean to “admonish”? Why might this be difficult to do? Why might it be something we should not be too comfortable with doing or too eager to do?
- Paul also writes that Christians are to “encourage the fainthearted.” Who are the fainthearted and what does it mean to encourage them? Do you have any stories of either being the recipient of this sort of encouragement or the giver of such encouragement?
- Paul then writes that Christians are to “help the weak.” Who are the weak and what does it mean to help them?
- Finally, Paul instructs the Thessalonians on something they are not to do. What is that instruction? Is this easy or difficult? Please explain. What does Paul then instruct the Thessalonians they are to do? What does it mean to always seek to do good to one another and to everyone? How is “seeking” different than “casually considering”?

GO

- From today’s passage, there have been several ways mentioned about how to glorify God through Godly living – mainly through ways to love the people in your life. Which of Paul’s instructions is the biggest challenge for you? What is a next step you will take to meet that challenge?

To prepare for next week’s message, read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

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