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KAMUNING BIBLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

SMALL GROUP SESSION

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TAKE-HOME PRINCIPLE



Discovery
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1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

NIV

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.

13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.



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¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.





TAKE-HOME PRINCIPLE

“As a believer, I will edify, encourage and be accountable to my fellow believers and my spiritual leaders; extending kindness and love towards others as well.”

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Discovery Question

#1

How should the Thessalonian believers regard “those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonishes you”? (vv. 12-13)



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Discovery Question

#2

In v.13, how should the Thessalonian believers regard each other according to Paul? (v.14)



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Discovery Question

#3

According to verse 15, how should the Thessalonian believers respond when they have been wronged?



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Understanding Question

#1

Who was the author referring to as “those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonishes you”. What does he mean by “acknowledge” these people? (v. 12)



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Understanding Question

#2

Who are those who were described by the author as idle and disruptive; disheartened and weak?



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Understanding Question

#3

In verse 15, the author urged the readers to strive for kindness and not revenge, “to do what is good for each other and for everyone else”. Who are those referred to as everyone else? Why is it very important?



Application Question

#1

What is the proper relationship between authority and service as shown in the offices of the church?

a. How are you “acknowledging” the spiritual overseers of the church?

b. What are practical ways can you show appreciation and encouragement to those in the ministry?



Application Question

#2

What does it really mean to love your enemies? Does this trample justice? Cite instances where you've experienced this dilemma (or if somebody has wronged you), and share with the group what you did to face this. Also, as a follower of Christ, how can we pursue justice inside and outside the church without being vengeful?



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Application Question

#3

How can we encourage the fainthearted? How does a person receive assurance? Share with the group your experiences and action steps. After doing so, encourage each other in prayer.



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Closing Prayer



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See you next week!





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