

# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

*Leader Edition*



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# **Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.**

## **Introduction**

This week, we will explore 2 Thessalonians 3 and reflect on the urgent call to reject passivity and embrace our responsibility in advancing the gospel. Paul encourages believers to pray for the spread of the Gospel and to lead by example in faith and actions. Let's focus on how we can apply these principles in our daily lives. How can we cultivate a kingdom mentality, actively engage in our faith, and inspire others to do the same?

## **Disciple Measure**

**Force for Good:** How have other people's legacies impacted you? How do you want your legacy to impact others?

# Discussion Questions

## A Movement of God: From Passivity to Purpose

1. **Opening Question:** If you were the first person to ever hear the Gospel, how do you think you would respond? Would you be more passive or driven? Why?

### HIGHLIGHT

*Have someone read aloud...*

### 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

### EXPLAIN

*Discuss the following questions...*

1. How would you describe Paul's overall message to the Thessalonians in this passage?
2. Why do you think Paul starts with prayer for the Gospel to spread? How should this impact our approach to spreading the Kingdom of God?
3. How did a decision to embrace or reject passivity impact individuals in the Bible? Is there a specific Bible story that stands out to you? Why?  
(Examples: 1 Samuel 17:8- 11, 32, Genesis 3:1-13, 1 Kings 21)
4. How does Paul's priority of Gospel advancement, even in the face of persecution, challenge your own priorities and prayer life?

Notes:

1. What legacy of faith are you currently building, and how might your choices today impact future generations?
2. How often do you pray for the advancement of the Gospel? What might change if you made this a priority?
3. In what areas of your life do you struggle with passivity? How does this impact your faith and those around you?
4. How can we as a group work together to advance the Gospel in our community?

Force for Good: Easter is a busy time at Long Hollow, and we welcome more guests than usual. It's the perfect time to step into your calling in the Long Hollow family! There are a variety of ways to serve during one or more of our Easter services. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to learn more.



**Prayer:**

Close by having group members pray for one another, asking God for strength to reject passivity and for boldness to advance the Gospel in their spheres of influence.

# Questions for Families

*Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.*

## **2 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

**What do you think it means to pray for the good news about Jesus to spread quickly to other people?**

Guide your child by discussing how praying can help share Jesus' love and encourage them to think about ways they can talk to others about Jesus, whether through words or actions.

**Why do you think Paul says it's important not to be lazy and to help each other?**

Explain to your child that working hard and helping others is one way we show care and responsibility, and encourage them to think of ways they can support family or friends.

**How can we be strong and work together when things are hard, like Paul talks about?**

Help your child understand that trusting God gives us strength, and ask them to consider who they can ask for help or how they can help others when things don't go as planned.

# NT 260

## **WEEK: 14**

- 1 Corinthians 4
- 1 Corinthians 5
- 1 Corinthians 6
- 1 Corinthians 7
- 1 Corinthians 8

**MEMORY VERSE:** Matthew 5:27-28

# Resources

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## Resources to Listen To

### The Perils of a Passive Man



Marshall Segal from Desiring God dives into a biblical example from 1 Kings of passivity and it's effects. Click [here](#).

(14 min)

## Resources to Watch

### The Bible Project - 2 Thessalonians



Explore the themes and gain a deeper understanding of 2 Thessalonians place in the biblical story [here](#).

(7 min)

### Kenny Moore Testimony



Watch Kenny Moore's testimony reference in the sermon [here](#).

(8 min)

## Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at [groups@longhollow.com](mailto:groups@longhollow.com).



[longhollow.com/lifegroups](https://longhollow.com/lifegroups)



[longhollow.com/dgroups](https://longhollow.com/dgroups)

## D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.

# Commentary

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## A Bit of Background

The sermon refers to 2 Thessalonians, a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica. This group of believers was quite special to Paul, as he had founded the church there during his first visit to the city. Thessalonica was an important city in ancient Macedonia, deeply saturated with Greek and Roman culture, including idolatry and pagan worship. When the Thessalonians began to follow Jesus, these cultural values came into conflict, leading to significant challenges and even persecution for the new believers. They had to figure out how to live out their faith in a city where following Jesus was not the norm and was often unwanted.

Paul wrote his second letter to the Thessalonians to encourage them. They were facing ongoing trials because of their faith, and some were confused about Jesus' return, as they thought it had already happened or would happen very soon. This confusion sometimes led to them stopping their work and becoming idle. So, Paul wrote to clarify some of these misunderstandings and to encourage them to keep living responsibly and to continue their mission of spreading the Gospel, even in difficult times.





## What's Going On?

In this passage, the focus is on the early verses of 2 Thessalonians 3, where Paul asks for prayer. Paul wants the Thessalonians to pray that the message of Jesus spreads quickly and effectively. It shows Paul's deep passion for the Gospel and his eagerness to see its power continue to change lives, just as it did in Thessalonica.

Paul also warns them about idleness and being passive. Some people in the Thessalonian church had stopped working, probably because of their errant beliefs about Christ's imminent return or possibly from relying on others to take care of them. Paul urges them to be active, work hard, and not wait around expecting others to do everything. He makes it clear that faith should lead to action. This is why there's a call to avoid passivity and to take responsibility for advancing the Gospel. Paul's words carry a powerful message about being diligent in faith—not just talking the talk, but walking the walk—by being examples of hard work and dedication, much like Paul and his companions modeled through their own lives.

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# Sermon Notes

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13 CSB

In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance. Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister who is idle and does not live according to the tradition received from us. For you yourselves know how you should imitate us: We were not idle among you; we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." For we hear that there are some among you who are idle. They are not busy but busybodies. Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and provide for themselves. But as for you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good.

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## Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

### *Spirit-Led Follower*

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

### *Intentional Friend*

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

### *Humble Guide*

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

### *Force For Good*

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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