

'Ohana Group Study Questions: Hope To The End Of Time

(Hope To The End Of Time Week 3: Passing A Faith Test)

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
2. From reading 1 Thessalonians 2:12-3:10 this week, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

A Deeper Look

3. In this text Paul shows us the reality of Satan and how he tries to thwart the work of God. What should be our attitude toward Satan's strategies to destroy God's work and to hinder His people? How do we discern God's direction from Satanic hinderance?
(Jn.8:44-he despises the truth; 2 Cor.4:3,4- hides the truth about God; 2 Cor.11:14,15- disguised as an angel of light; Jn. 10:10 "plans to steal, kill & destroy")
4. Why would a kind and loving God purpose, or allow, for His people to suffer? Use God's Word to explain your understanding? *(After you answer, remember the Gospel, Jesus' willingness to suffer and God the Father plan for the cross, but God's great outcome!)*
(hints: 2 Cor.1:8,9; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Heb.12:6; Rom.5:3,4)

TAKING IT HOME

5. What "tests" have you gone through in your life and what have you learned from them? What test(s) are you going through in your life currently, and how can you see God at work?
6. How does your **faith** in Jesus sustain you/help you through the tests and trials in your life? What promises of God can you cling to as you endure tests and trials?
7. Ben shared that the church, has been tested or is being tested in our unity and love for one another as there are so many differing thoughts and opinions with CoVId and politics. How can you and the church stay unified in this time? How did Paul and the early church stay unified in their culture of persecution? *(i.e. focused faith on Jesus and the mission from God to share the Gospel and make disciples.)*
8. How can you live your life in such a way that creates opportunities for people come to Christ and grow in spiritual maturity, to make Heaven more crowded? What are you willing to sacrifice to invest in someone else's faith?

HOMEWORK

Continue to read 1 Thessalonians this week and spend some time studying Thessalonians 4:1-12.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

For your prayer time, read 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 and pray Paul's prayer for one another. *(i.e. For God to make you increase in love for one another, for the world around and help you grow in holiness.)*