

Hope To The End of Time: Facilitator Guide

Week 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16, Your Ministry of Hope

Before you meet: Send out a reminder and encouragement to your 'Ohana Group about attending group. Remind to attend one of the in-person services Fridays at 6:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am or Online Sunday mornings.

Be Prepared: Test out the video from the 'Ohana Group Webpage by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night (discussion questions and facilitator guide). Read through the questions ahead of time. Videos and Material found at hopechapelmaui.com click on 'Ohana Groups.

Suggested Format:

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Pray
- Watch Video (video 10-20 min)
- Discussion Questions (*30-40 min*)
- Prayer Requests and Praises (*10-20min*)

Leader Guide:

Please encourage your 'Ohana to be diligent in reading through 1 Thessalonians throughout the week to study more in-depth this book of the Bible.

As you use this discussion guide, feel free to use as many questions or as little question as you need to facilitate your 'Ohana Group.

Discussion Guide:

-Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 out loud together.

-PLAY VIDEO

'Ohana Group Study Questions

(Hope To The End Of Time Week 2: Your Ministry of Hope)

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?
2. From reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 this week, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What has God been showing you personally as you read the book of 1 Thessalonians? (i.e. *New insights, understandings, applications*)

A Deeper Look

3. What is Paul's main point in 1 Thessalonians 2? How does this picture of Christianity differ with today's version?

(With an emphasis on "your best life now" as well as the focus upon "grace", the American Church does not have much room for suffering or persecution. Many are thrown off track in their faith when God allows suffering in our lives. The first-century Christians had to embrace it as part of the Christ follower's life. James 1:2-5; Rom 5:3-5; 1 Pet.2:18-23)

4. What does 1 Thessalonians 2 teach us about the character/nature of God?

(God is more concerned with the eternal than the temporal, he is internal rather than external (v.4-6). God does not compel us to believe the gospel but His compassion extends throughout His ambassadors with love and gentleness. (v.7-11))

TAKING IT HOME

5. We learned during the message that every believer is a minister and entrusted with the Gospel. What areas of your life are the easiest to be bold in faith and minister hope to others? What areas are the most difficult and why? *(i.e. work, family, church, neighborhood, hobbies, etc)*
6. Our culture and society more and more pushes against the truth of the Gospel of Jesus and against morality and the truth of the Bible. What habits do you have in your life to know God's Word and to trust God's Word when you feel the pressure of culture?
7. Paul was willing to be inconvenienced, uncomfortable, and lay down his rights in order to love and share the gospel with others. How do you stay motivated to stay on God's mission, even when it's hard?
8. Kyle asked in the message, "Do you spend more time worried about what people think of me, or more time asking what it means to be faithful to Jesus?"

How can you this week grow in being more concerned about being faithful to Jesus?
(Be specific)

HOMEWORK

Continue to read 1 Thessalonians this week and spend some time studying 1Thessalonians 2:17-3:10.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES
