

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*The Context for Correction*

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

## Pray for the reception of the Lord's Word (1-2)

Acts 13:48; Ps 147:15; Jas 1:18, 21; Col 1:5-6; 1 Thess 1:5, 6, 8; 2:13

- What two things does Paul ask that the Thessalonians pray for?
- The following applications were mentioned in the sermon. How do you think praying for the reception of the Lord's word would change your Christian walk?
  - Praying for the reception of the gospel moves us from grumbling to gratitude
  - Praying for the reception of the gospel moves us from my problem to the solution
  - Praying for the reception of the gospel moves us from complacency to a battle mindset
  - Praying for the reception of the gospel moves us from outer behavior to heart response
- What are practical ways we can better pray for a reception of the Lord's word?

## Trust in the Lord's Sanctifying Work (3-4)

Lk 9:51; 2 Thess 2:17; 2 Tim 1:14; Ps 121:7-8; Phil 1:6

- How does Paul show confidence in the Lord's sanctifying work?
- In what ways are you tempted to doubt Jesus' strengthening or guarding in your life?
- How does an understanding of Jesus' sovereign work in sanctification change how you view others' struggles, and your response to them?

## Seek a heart directed by the Lord (5)

Ps 37:23; Prov 23:19; 1 Ch 29:18; 2 Ch 19:3; 2 Thess 2:16; Heb 12:1-2

- Why do you think Paul asks that the Lord would direct the hearts of the Thessalonians?
- How would having a heart directed towards the love of God affect your Christian life?
- How does the endurance of Jesus change our hearts as we live the Christian life?