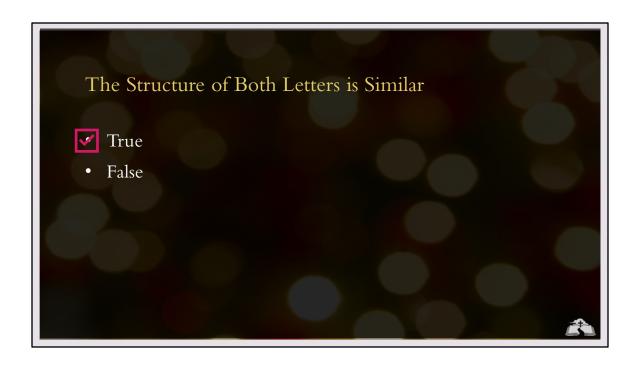




15 minutes – 11:30 to 11:40

Which Statement is False?

- Paul's visit to Thessalonica was cut short
- Paul sent Silas to see how the Thessalonians were doing
 - These are two of Paul's earliest letters
 - The Thessalonian believers faced persecution and doubts



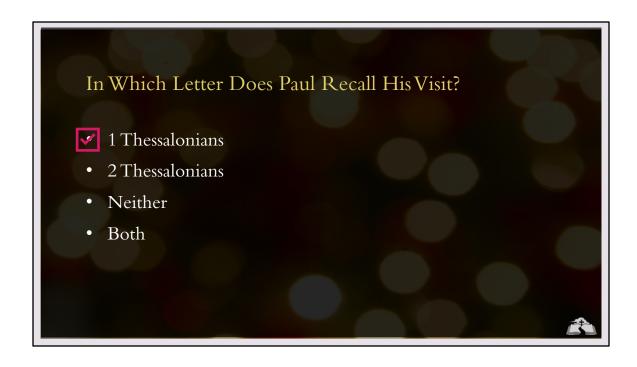
Which is Not A Reason Paul Wrote These Letters?

- To encourage and provide instructions on how to live
- To address doubts and error regarding the return of the Lord
- To address false teaching that had entered the church
- To request prayer for other churches
 - To admonish those who refused to work for a living



Which is Not A Theme of These Letters? Paul's example/model of faith

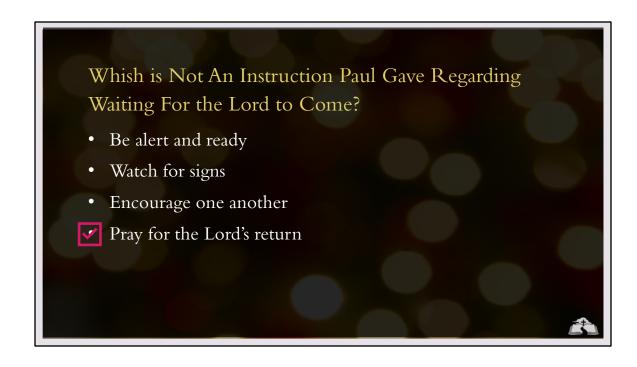
- Examples of how to pray for others
- Instructions on corporate worship
 - Dealing with those who are idle and will not work
 - The coming of the Lord

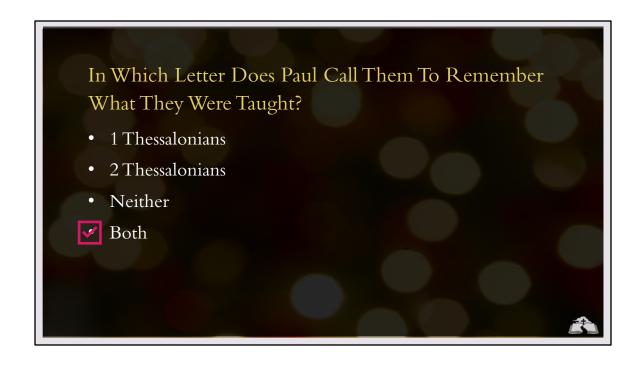


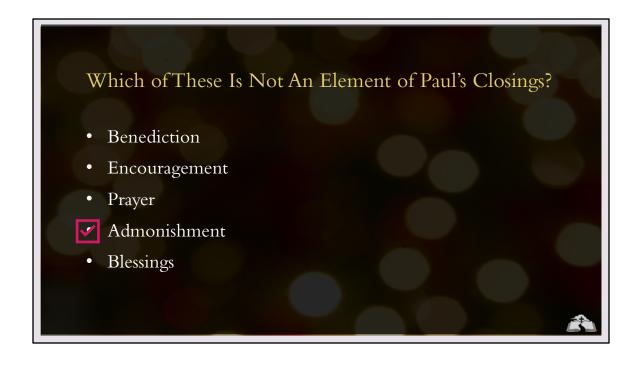
Which Was Not A Concern the Thessalonians Had About Christ's Return?

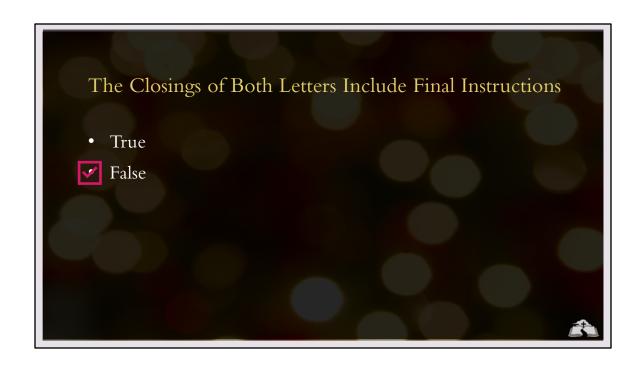
- Christ Had Already Come
- Gaps In What Paul Had Taught Them
 - When Christ Would Come
 - What Happened To Those Who Died Before Christ Came











Paul's Example Faithful through opposition Firm against error Firm against impurity Not a man of deceit Not a man pleaser Not with flattering speech Not greedy Not seeking glory Gentle as a nursing mother Encouraging as a father Having a fond affection Imparting the gospel Gave up rights Sharing of himself

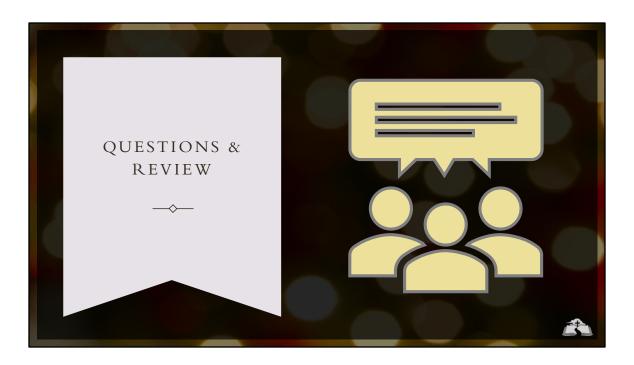
5 minutes – 11:40 to 11:45

How do these letters help us to... • Understand hardship and suffering? • Anticipate and think about Christ's return? • Understand God's election of believers? • See that world of the Thessalonians is much like our world?

10 minutes – 11:45 to 11:55

- Understand hardship and suffering?
 - Not to be anxious
 - Stand firm and be faithful
 - We are not the only ones who are suffering/have suffered (is a part of following in the example of Christ)
 - · Know, love, and believe God's truth
- Anticipate and think about Christ's return?
 - Not to be anxious
 - Christ will return in victory and glory
 - Wait with an awareness and soberness of the signs (don't be surprised)
 - Don't be deceived or believe error
 - Trust God's perfect timing
 - God is restraining the lawless one until the right time
- Understand God's election of believers?
 - God chooses
 - God calls
 - Those who reject the truth will be deluded; confusing truth and lies

- The lost are condemned for their rejection of the Gospel
- See that the world of the Thessalonians is much like our world?
 - In what ways do we see that our world not only rejects God's truth, but embraces Satan's lies?
 - What happens to people when the rule of law and constraints of society are removed?



5 minutes – 11:55 to 12:00

Any questions, comments, or insights from what we have studied over the last 3 months?