

1 Thessalonians: Hope in Suffering

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Purpose: *As the Thessalonians experienced a season of suffering, they continued to invest in others for their future.*

Opening Question: *When you think about the future, what's one thing you are excited for?*

Read and Discuss: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

1. *What did it look like in vs. 18 for Satan to block their way? How can Satan play a role in our lives today? How did Paul deal with the activity of Satan?*
2. *In vs. 3, how are the people at Thessalonica Paul's crown or heavenly reward? How does investing in other people become our crown and joy when Christ returns?*
3. *What do you think Paul is experiencing when he says "so we could stand it no longer"?*
4. *In vs. 6-10 the Christians at Thessalonica continue to grow in the midst of suffering. What stands out to you about their suffering? About their faith?*
5. *Read vs. 11-13. As you pray for each other, how can God encourage you as you invest in others?*