

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2 Thessalonians

These questions are for the **March 13, 2016** sermon, "Stand Firm. Together." Please read the sermon passage (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

WHILE FAITHFULLY AWAITING THE DAY OF THE LORD . . .

1. **Give thanks for so great a salvation** (13-14) Those in Christ . . .
 - A. Are loved by Jesus Christ (13)
 - B. Have been chosen by God the Father in eternity past (13, see also Ephesians 1:4, Romans 8:33)
 - C. Are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit (13)
 - D. Have been called effectually by God the Father (14, see also Romans 1:6-7; 8:30)
 - E. Are destined to obtain the glory of Jesus Christ himself (14)
2. **Stand firm in the truth of God's Word** (15)
 - A. Discipline yourself to know and memorize the Scriptures.
 - B. Your heart and all onlookers will be so encouraged as you stand, unwavering (1 Thess 3:8).
3. **Take comfort in Christ Himself and God the Father** (16-17)
 - A. Without comfort your works in Christ will be discouraged
 - B. Without comfort your words about Christ will be silenced

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In the midst of difficult days as we await the Day of the Lord, how does the fact that God chose you from eternity past bring security to your mind and heart and soul?
2. Based on #1, above: In the midst of difficulty days as we await the Day of the Lord, how does the fact that God sent Christ for you; and that he sent someone to bring the gospel to you (worked out your effectual calling) bring security to your mind and heart and soul?
3. Based on #1, above: In the midst of difficult days as we await the Day of the Lord, how has the Holy Spirit made you more holy in the this past year? How has that ministry brought security to your mind and heart and soul?
4. Based on #1, above: In the midst of difficult days as we await the Day of the Lord, how does the fact that your eternal future is settled in heaven bring security to your heart and mind and soul?
5. Based on #2, above: What is your method for disciplined Scripture reading, meditation and memorization? How can we pray for you to increase in this discipline?