

STUDY GUIDE

Community
Encouragement



First Thessalonians was written from Corinth only a few months after Paul had left Thessalonica. In the letter Paul offers encouragement and attempts to answer their questions.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:10 - 24 again

What concerns were facing the Thessalonians?

What charges did Paul give concerning those around them?

What does Paul urge them to do in regards to their leaders?
What is our responsibility to those who labor among us and are over us in the Lord?

Why is encouragement so important according to the Bible?

After reading v. 11, look back at 4:18 and note the similarity. What would you say, based upon these, is one of Paul's main purposes in writing this letter?

Share about a time when you were encouraged by the body of Christ.



Encourage one another and build up each other...
What encourages/helps you to grow in your faith?
How can you encourage others in the church?

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Read verses 16-18 again. What challenges you the most in these verses?

The preposition used in verse 18 is noteworthy. Are we called to give thanks FOR all circumstances or IN them? What does it look like to rejoice in difficult times and give thanks?

Pray for one another.