Sermon Supplement from November 19

Trust The Truth In The Meantime | 2 Thess. 2

Warm Up

• Talk about a time you received misinformation, and it caused you problems. (*This could be something funny or serious*)

Dig In

- VV. 1-2 What was misinformation about the end times doing to the Thessalonians? What ill effects does misinformation about end times have on Christians today?
- VV. 3-5; 9-10 What do you learn about the Antichrist here? Why is it important that we trust the truth of God's Word rather than signs and wonders? How do Christians get misguided with this today? Why do you think people gravitate to personal experience?
- VV. 6-8 What is the KEY TRUTH about the end times expressed in these verses and why is it so important to focus on that key truth before entering into speculation about timing and events?
- VV. 9-12 What happens when people don't keep their hearts soft to the truth? How can we keep our hearts soft to the truth? How does Romans 1:18-32 parallel this text?
- VV. 13-17 How does the truth feature in this passage? What does the truth provide? Why is this important in YOUR life?

Apply

- In your own words, why does truth matter?
- In what ways is deception always a danger?
- List some specific ways that Christians can pursue God's truth.
- What is something you can do this week to show that you "trust the truth"?

Weekly Bible Reading Guide – In order to help you engage with God's Word and our Sunday sermons we suggest using the exercises below as part of your personal Bible reading and study for the coming week.

Next Week's Sermon Text - 2 Thessalonians 3

- 1. Read the text at least 5 times (in different translations if possible)
- 2. Answer some basic investigative questions such as: What are important terms or concepts? What is the tone? What is emphasized, repeated or related? Are there significant comparisons or contrasts? What verses or ideas jump out at you?
- 3. Make a list of terms, people, places, or ideas that you need to research further? Use a study Bible, Bible dictionary, or digital resources to help you understand these.
- 4. In your own words, what is the big idea of this text?
- 5. Consult 1 or more of the resources listed below. How does this expand your understanding of the text?
- 6. Apply It: What are the major points of application from this text? How does what you have learned impact the way you think, feel, or act?

Resources

- A good Study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, Faithlife Study Bible (free app),
- Video Introduction: Watch The Bible Project summary videos for 1&2 Thessalonians
- Study Guide: <u>1&2 Thessalonians and Titus</u> MacArthur Bible Study Guide
- Basic Commentary: <u>1&2 Thessalonians For You</u> Ligon Duncan
- In-depth Commentary: <u>The Letters to the Thessalonians</u> Pillar New Testament Commentary, Gene L. Green
- In-depth sermon series: Visit gty.org to find John MacArthur's verse by verse sermon series' on these two books.