# **NOTES & QUOTES**

ESSING" A GOOD WORD Week 4 Talking Points 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. What is your favourite all-time ending to a book or movie?
- 2. Name a situation in your life you would have changed if you could have seen the ending.
- 3. What is one thing down the road either a little or a long way that you are most excited about right now?

#### THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12 and Luke 11:2-4. What parallels do you see between Paul's prayer and the Lord's prayer?
- 5. Paul prays, "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow.". Read 1 Corinthians 13:13, 1 John 3:14, and 1 John 4:7. Based on these verses, why do you think Paul prayed this over the Thessalonian believers?
- 6. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:13. How do you think God "strengthens our hearts" and what connections do you draw between a strong heart and being blameless and holy?

7. Paul is encouraging these followers of Jesus to grow in anticipation of Jesus' return. Read Matthew 24:4-14. How does this prayer in 1 Thessalonians connect to Jesus' teaching about His return in Matthew?

### **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

- 8. What is one way you can partner with the Lord in helping your love to increase this week?
- 9. What are 3 things you can do to "strengthen your heart" right now?
- 10. Take a moment and pray 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 over your family or a friend today.

#### PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

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