

2 Thessalonians

Scripture:

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; 2:1-2, 13-17

Also:

1 Corinthians 15:58

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of 2 Thessalonians?

1. This week's sermon helped us remember how to live now in light of the future:
 - Our present reality reminds us that there will be future redemption
 - Don't be shaken
 - Stand firm
2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 - **When you see the pain or suffering in your life, the lives of those around you, or the world, what do you normally think about?**
 - **Does it remind you of the hope of future redemption?**
 - **If not, what could you add or subtract from your thought process to help get you there?**
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2
 - **What kinds of things tend to shake you? (Political, pandemic, personal injustice, disaster, racism, etc)**
 - **What can you do now to prepare you to stand firm when those things occur?**
 - Paul speaks of Jesus coming matter-of-factly; **how often do you think about it? In what ways do you think about it? How does it give you strength to resist being shaken?**
4. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
 - **Do you tend to think of "standing firm" as more related to truth or to love, or to both? Why?**
 - **What does standing firm in our culture look like?**
 - **Are you standing firm now?**
 - **Where do you need to take a stronger stance?**

May the confident hope of Jesus return be a strengthening and freeing part of our daily lives!