

Digging Deeper Sermon Review: March 13, 2022

Group Check-in

Open with prayer and follow up from the previous meeting. Feel free to utilize the following if they are helpful:

- Check in on past prayer requests, evidence of grace, and things for which to be grateful.
- How's your soul this week?
 - What's been hard?
 - Where is sin alluring/tempting?
 - Where is God at work in your life?
 - Where has God been good to you this past week?
 - Who are the unbelievers you are praying for?
 - Did you have any gospel opportunities in the past week?

Dig Deeper into the Sermon: Entrusted with the Gospel (1Th. 2:1-16)

Have someone read Sunday's text. Consider working through some of the following questions as a group:

- Why might people have thought that Paul's visit to Thessalonica was a failure?
- How is Paul mother-like in his ministry?
- How is Paul father-like in his ministry?
- Based on this passage, what are the priorities of pastoral ministry?
- How should you pray for your pastor and church leaders?
- What did Rick say is the pastor's chief responsibility? Do you agree?
- What is the significance of the prepositions in verse 13: of God, from us, in you?
 - How should this affect our preparation for Sunday service?

- Do you see any way the leadership is lacking in these qualities at CCC?
 - Rather than merely discussing those, discuss the best way to go about bringing them to the pastor's attention.
- How do the characteristics of pastoral ministry mentioned in this passage affect you? How can you apply these truths?
- How can you personally serve so as to make CCC an imitation-worthy church?
- Who do you imitate and why? How can you as a Christian be imitation-worthy?
- Take a moment to pray against any form of racism at CCC?

Wrap up with Prayer

Consider ways in which you can pray for one another in light of the direction the Spirit has led your discussion time.