

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What were the "afflictions" that the new Christians in Thessalonica faced? (see 2:14) Do we face afflictions like this? If not, does this passage have meaning for us?

MESSAGE NOTES What does affliction reveal about your faith? 1. Grow in your _____ (1-10) Affliction faith How can we grow in our faith during times of affliction? Affliction _____ your faith • What are some of the ways Satan tempts us during the difficult times in our lives? Affliction _____ your faith ٠ What are some practical ways we can stand firm in our faith? How can we help one another do this? 2. Abound in your _____ (11-13) What does "love to one another" (other Christians) look like in real life? How • To your _____ is it possible to abound in this love? What are some practical ways to increase and abound in this love? То _____ What are some categories of people included in "everyone else?" Who are these people in your circle of acquaintances? How can you love them? How can you increase and abound in love to them? For your ______ and _____ ٠

Is it hard to be motivated to live a holy life now because you will give an account to Jesus Christ at an undetermined time in the future? How can we help ourselves and each other to be motivated by this (see 5:9-11)?