

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: We Bless One Another

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. How does Paul define the role of leadership within the church? What should be our attitude toward leaders in the church?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18. What does practical Christian discipleship look like? What actions and attitudes are we to adopt? What behaviours are we to avoid?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. What does it mean to quench the Spirit?

What kind of prophecy is Paul talking about in this passage? What does he instruct us to do when we encounter prophecy in the church? How might these instructions be applied today?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28. What is final goal of Christian discipleship? What assurance do we have that we will finally reach this goal in the end?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some ways that the role of church leader has been understood and defined today? Are these ideas biblical? Why or why not? In general, how do Christians today tend to treat and respond to their leaders?

As you look through the list of instructions Paul gives to the Thessalonian church in this passage, which of these most stands out to you? Are any of these commands neglected in your own life? Are there any you are already doing well?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

In our own church, how can we honour and esteem our leaders? What does this look like in practice? How can we correct unbiblical thinking and expectations regarding the role of church leadership?

How can we disciple one another according to the instructions Paul lays out for us in this passage? What might this look like in our own church context? Are there areas of discipleship we should especially be focusing on?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is one practical takeaway you can glean from today's passage? How might you put it into practice this week?