

KING OF KINGS MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-3:13 - FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Week 3

Icebreaker

If you had to choose one for the rest of your life: pancakes or waffles? And what's your favorite topping on your choice?

Key Passage

1 Thessalonians 3:13

"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."

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:20. What does it look like for another person (or group of people) to be your "glory and joy"?
2. Paul had only known the people of the Thessalonian church for a short amount of time, yet he loved them deeply. How do you think he was able to develop such strong bonds with these people in such a short time? Are such relationships still attainable today?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:2-3. Paul knew trials were coming for the church; in fact, he warned the people about them! What trials do you believe you may have undergone because of your faith?
4. Read Romans 5:3-5. Is there a time where you can look back and, with the gift of hindsight, see that a trial that was painful in the moment was beneficial in the long run?
5. Is it difficult for you to accept that you will suffer because of your faith? Why or why not?
6. The words "joyful", "joy", and "rejoice" appear more than 430 times in Scripture, while "happy" appears 30 times. What's the difference between joy and happiness? Why do you think God wants us to be joyful as opposed to happy?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:7-8. When is a time when someone else's faith greatly encouraged you?
8. All humans have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. In that context, what do you think it means to be "blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father"? (1 Thes. 3:17)

Close with Prayer