

# Ladies Bible Study for March 16<sup>th</sup>

## Read and Study 2 Thessalonians 1

- Use a commentary or internet search for these 3 questions.

When did Paul write 2 Thessalonians? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time passed between the writing of the 2 letters? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was Paul when he wrote it? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verses 1-2:** Ancient letters begin with 3 things:

- a) name of author(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- b) recipients: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) salutation: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you see any differences from the introduction of 1 Thessalonians 1:1?

**Verse 3:** Examine the first few words of verse 3, where Paul is thanking God. How does he express his thankfulness? What is he implying?

List the 2 things Paul mentions being thankful for. Why might Paul be so grateful to God for these things?

**Verse 4:** What are the Thessalonians continuing to experience? And how & what is Paul sharing with other churches?

**Verses 5-6** tell us why the Thessalonians are suffering. What are the 2 reasons?

Read Acts 5:40-42; Acts 14:21-22; Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:27. What do these verses help us understand about being “worthy of His Kingdom”?

Who is responsible for meting out righteous justice? (Read Deuteronomy 32:35 & Roman 12:19)

Do God’s love and God’s judgement contradict each other? Yes/No and why?

**Verse 7:** The first half of verse 7 promises \_\_\_\_\_ for believers. This means that the persecution will not \_\_\_\_\_. Because, \_\_\_\_\_ is literally and physically coming back!

Read Revelation 1:12-18 & 19:11-16. How will Jesus look when he returns at the Second Coming?

According to **Verse 8**, what is the purpose of Jesus’s return?

**Verse 9** tells of the punishment. What is it and who is it for?

How should knowing about the horrors of God’s final punishment for unbelievers affect our lives? What can you do with this knowledge?

**Verse 10:** What will Jesus receive on that day and from who?

**Verses 11-13:** Read also 1 Corinthians 10:31. What should our foremost goal be as we live Christian lives?

Is there any area of your life where you are living or giving or pursuing a bad testimony?

In what ways can you glorify God with your life?