

1 & 2 Thessalonians

Personal Study Guide // Redeemer Community Church

Instructions: Open your heart to God before you open the Word of God. Then read the passage slowly once or twice, working through the passage with these prompts and questions. Close your time by asking the Lord to help you apply what you've learned and give thanks to Him for what He's shown you.

- **OPTIONALLY:** *for those who would like more specific and detailed questions for help with understanding the passage, feel free to refer to the second page.*

Highlight: Which verse, or verses, stood out to you in your reading, and why?

Explain: What is the author's main point (or main points) in the passage?

Apply: From what you have read and studied in the passage, list how you can apply the passage in your own life. Use the SPECK rubric to help organize your thoughts. Is there a:

- Sin to avoid
- Promise to keep
- Example to follow
- Command to obey
- Knowledge to cherish and treasure

Respond:

- Write down some tangible steps you can take this week to respond to what you have read and learned from this week's passage.

Schedule of study:

- Wk of 29 Apr: 1 Thes. 1:1-10
- Wk of 6 May: 1 Thes. 2:1-16
- Wk of 13 May: Acts 2:1-8, 14-18
- Wk of 20 May: 1 Thes. 2:17-3:13
- Wk of 27 May: 1 Thes. 4:1-8
- Wk of 3 Jun: 1 Thes. 4:9-12
- Wk of 10 Jun: 1 Thes. 4:13-5:11
- Wk of 17 Jun: 1 Thes. 5:12-28
- Wk of 24 Jun: 2 Thes. 1:1-12
- Wk of 1 Jul: 2 Thes. 2:1-12
- Wk of 8 Jul: 2 Thes. 2:13-17
- Wk of 15 Jul: 2 Thes. 3:1-5
- Wk of 22 Jul: 2 Thes. 3:6-13
- Wk of 29 Jul: 2 Thes. 3:14-18

Context questions:

- What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
- What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
- What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

Observing questions:

- Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
- What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
- What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

Working towards the passage's point:

- How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
- How does the passage relate to Jesus?
- What does this teach you about God?
- How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?