



INTRODUCTION

Paul assures the Thessalonians Christians that, though many will fall away in the great apostasy, he is confident they will not because of what God has done to save them.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **2 Thess 2:13-14**
- What does Paul mean that he chose them?
- In what way is sanctification necessary for salvation? Perhaps consider Heb 12:14.
- What does Paul mean that we will obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Why is gratitude a duty? How can it be a duty if gratitude is an emotion?

APPLICATION

- How is God's love for you different than his love for the humanity in general? What impact should this have on you?
- Why did God choose you? When Did God choose you? How do you know God chose you? Use Scripture to explain your understanding. Perhaps consider Deut 7:7-8 and 1 Thes 1:4-5.
- What concerns do you have about the idea of God electing some for salvation? What security does this provide for us?
- Can you remember the time when God called you? For some God called over many years, but for others he called in a moment. Testify to God's calling of you.
- How does the Spirit sanctify you?
- Are you a thankful person? What brings forth gratitude in you?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?