



COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of September 24, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GO DAY is coming! Saturday, September 30th Work shifts are available in the morning and afternoon.

- Elementary school build projects & landscaping
- Local meal-packing (goal of 10,000 meals) for local Tampa families
- Community projects (i.e., building wheelchair ramps for the elderly)

Register at stfchurch.com/events

STF Women's Conference: Reset Refresh Rest, October 20 - 21 Ballast Point Campus

This year, we will focus on what it looks like to refresh, reset, and rest even in the midst of the chaos of life. The conference kicks Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$49. Register at stfchurch.com/events

Men's Sexual Integrity Weekend Conference is Nov 3-5, Word Of Life Bible Institute, Hudson FL. A weekend for concerned men or those dealing with online pornography. Designed both for single-attendance and as a father-and-son event, the material presented on this weekend will strengthen families— equipping them to fight back against our fallen culture. Cost is \$300 and includes your lodging and meals. Get more information by <https://www.buyerrehabilitationproject.org/events>

Getting To Know You

1. What was one of the best years of your life?

2. Who pushes your buttons the most?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. This past week we talked about the "man of lawlessness" According to 2 Thessalonians what will happen before Christ returns to earth?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (New International Version)

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it

back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Which characteristics of the man of lawlessness and his followers are seen in our culture today?

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 and answer the following questions.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (New International Version)

13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first-fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

How did the Thessalonians respond to false teaching, and which actions would you like to follow to avoid deception?

What does it look like in your present situation for Jesus to help you stand firm?

Taking It Home

The purpose of Christ's second coming is not destruction, but complete revelation of justice and blessing. How do you display that have assurance of God's peace through your faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ?

How does 2 Thessalonians equip you to intervene and help others who are fearful, confused or suffering?

Prayer Requests

For what part of your life do you need prayer?