



“A Healthy Church”

November 1, 2020

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Part 11 of “Build to Last”

1. Healthy _____ (5:12-13)

2. Healthy _____ (5:12-13)

3. Healthy _____ (5:14-15)

4. Healthy _____ (5:16-22)

5. Healthy _____ (5:-23-28)

Activity and Discussion for Families

Take these five points and discuss them in relation to your family or household, and toward those to whom you are presently ministering. What does being a healthy family look like as we head into the holidays? Hopefully you come up with some Spirit-led, practical ideas.

Discussion Questions

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this passage deeper.

Why does Paul command the church to give recognition to those who serve as church leaders? How should people respond to their church leaders?

According to this passage, what are the responsibilities of the church leadership?

Why do you think that people within the church are reluctant to develop meaningful, transformational, discipling relationships with one another?

What does Paul mean by "warn those who are irresponsible?" (Admonish the idle, the disorderly or undisciplined). What do "irresponsible" people look like in today's church? What would be the consequences of ignoring their existence?

Describe the difference between the "discouraged" and the "weak." Why are many people reluctant to come alongside and help those in these categories?

Why did Paul conclude the section on interpersonal relationships by admonishing the church not to "repay evil for evil?"

Why do you think that some any Christians struggle with finding joy in life? What can they do to experience joy and to express gratitude?

Explain how the Christian can practice the command to "pray constantly."

What are some ways that the church is guilty of neglecting the importance of preaching the Word of God?

What are some practical ways Christians can obey the command to "test all things?"

Heavenly Father, may our church leaders be encouraged through our love. May we experience fully what you have designed us to experience in Jesus-centered community by your Spirit. And may we take each of these instructions to heart in our daily living in the week ahead in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.