



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | WHAT ABOUT CHURCH HURT AND HYPOCRISY?

WARM-UP QUESTION

Do you consider September the end of summer or the start of fall? Why?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:4-6

- What phrases or themes stand out to you in this text?
- What does it look like to please God? What would lead you to please people instead of pleasing God?
- What does it mean that we have been entrusted with the Good News? What response should that cause us to have?
- What are examples in your life where you find yourself seeking human praise? What could seeking human praise be keeping you from?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-13

- Look at the examples of familial language in this passage. What does it teach us about the roles within the church body? Do you view the church as a family?
- If the church body is a family, what does that teach us about God and His character? Does that change how you view or interact with Him?
- Read verse 12 again. What verbs are used in this verse? What about them stands out to you?
- How did Paul respond to the Thessalonians' response to the Gospel? What does he say will happen because of how they responded to it? The same is true of us! How would your life look different if you lived as if you believed God was continuing a work in and through you?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-26

- What stands out to you in this passage? What do you observe in the picture that Paul paints?
- What does this passage teach you about God's intentionality? Why is this important when we think about the church?
- Spend some time praying about your role in the church. How do you feel God is using you to be a part in advancing His Kingdom?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.

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