

Small Group Discussion Guide — Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

- What have been some of your biggest insights or key “take-aways” from our study of 1 Thessalonians? How have you sought to put these more into practice?
- What is the doctrine of “the perseverance of the saints” and why might it be so foundational to other important doctrines of the faith—and very practically, to living the Christian life?
- What are some things about Paul’s prayer life in vs. 23 that could inform and encourage us in our own prayer lives?
- What do vs. 23-24 teach us about the heart of God?
- How should Paul’s prayer in vs. 23, and his promise in vs. 24, serve to motivate and strengthen these Thessalonians believers to obey this list of commands in vs. 12-22? How are God’s grace and promises powerful motivators for our daily Christian living?
- Paul gives two reasons in vs. 24 for why the Thessalonians can have assurance that God will complete his sanctifying work in them, and will keep them to the end. What were those two reasons? How are these reassuring?
- What does Romans 8:29-30 teach us about God’s “call” and its connection to our sanctification and final glorification? How do vs. 29-30 form, in one sense, an “unbreakable chain”?
- Based on these commands in vs. 25-27, what changes do you need to make to enhance and grow your relationships within our church family?
- Spurgeon said, “It is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul.” Currently in your life, what characteristics of Jesus and his work on the cross are giving rest to your soul?