



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Thessalonians 2v17 – 3v13 – A Fruitful Heart

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GETTING STARTED

What is Paul doing in this section of the letter? How does it fit with what we looked at last week? How would you summarise what Paul has to say?

Paul love for this church is visible in at least 4 ways...

1) PAUL'S PAIN (2v17-20)

Talk about the language in v17 and piece together how Paul is feeling...

Why does Paul include v18?

Will Paul ever see them again? How can he be so sure?

2) PAUL'S PLAN (3v1-5)

Chat about the WHAT and the WHY of Paul's plan...

Do we love people enough to find out about their faith?

In what ways can we strengthen and encourage the faith of others?

3) PAUL'S PLEASURE (3v6-9)

Chat about the use of the phrase 'good news' in v6...

Why is Paul so pleased?

Where does his pleasure lead him? Does 'good news' like that lead us to the same place?

4) PAUL'S PRAYER (3v10-13)

Chat about the WHEN, the HOW and the WHAT of Paul's prayer...

How should the way Paul prays shape the way we pray? Be as specific as you can in your applications...

Meditate on the prayer of Paul below...

1 Thessalonians 3v12-13: *May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.*