

ICEBREAKER

Who in your Life Group has ever been to Thailand? Where did you go? What did you get up to?

What is your favorite Thai dish? What is your favorite Thai restaurant in town?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Rob started his sermon by sharing some faith building stories of where God is at work in Thailand and around the world.

He reminded us that stories like these build our faith and release hope.

What story could you share of where you have see God at work?

Start your time together by inviting each person to share a story of where they have seen God at work, creating space for faith and hope be to be released.

IDEA 1

Through Paul's words to the churches in Thessalonica, Rob reminded us that as part of our journey of following Jesus, we should expect trouble.

For the early church and still for many Christians around the world today, the trouble they expect is persecution.

What troubles should we expect as Christians in America?

Are there any troubles you are currently facing in your life because of your faith?

Where are you being tempted to compromise in your allegiance to Jesus because of cultural pressures?

What does it look like for you to stand firm? What lessons can you take away from the Thessalonian church?

IDEA 2

In 1 Thessalonians 3:10, Paul expresses his desire to fill in the gaps of faith among the Thessalonian churches. In the same way, Rob highlighted that community can fill the gaps in our faith.

Some of these gaps include:

- Theological understanding
- Bible knowledge
- Financial provision
- A shoulder to cry on
- A community to mourn with
- A milestone to celebrate
- Discernment where we are on the Discipleship Pathway
- Encouragement as we walk through Unsettled and Questioning

What else could you add to this list?

Where have you seen community fill in gaps of your faith?

PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK

What gaps is God inviting you to fill? What are the gaps in your life group that need to be filled? Who feels able to fill them?

Ask God to give you wisdom and discernment as a group as you discuss these things and come up with a plan to respond to the gaps.