

Harvest Bible Chapel Small Group Questions
Sunday April 5, 2009
Solid Foundations for a Growing Church 4

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

1. Have you ever had a long distance relationship with someone you loved? (Parents, Children, Spouse, “significant other”, etc.) How did you communicate with them? What would you feel leading up to the time that you would see them again? What would you feel when you had to leave them again?
2. What are some ways that Satan hinders us? What are Satan’s biggest targets? Why? What are some of the lies he has recently used to hinder you?
3. How can you know the difference between the voice of God and the voice of Satan?
4. What are some temptations that Satan has recently used to get you to sin against God? What bait does he know you have a tendency to bite?
5. Time magazine recently reported that 61% of Americans agreed with this statement, “God wants me to prosper.” How would you respond? How does that statement relate to 1Thessaonians 3:3? How does it relate to the fact that persecution has been the normal pattern throughout the history of the church?
6. Read and discuss 2Timothy 3:12. What is the closest thing to persecution you have ever endured for your stand on Christ? Could it be that we aren’t suffering much persecution because we haven’t been bold enough in our faith?
7. Why is it important to stay in close community as affliction increases?
8. What is your definition of faith? Paul said that he still needed to supply what was lacking in the faith of the Thessalonians. What do you think they were lacking in their faith. What do you think you are lacking in your faith? Read and discuss 2Peter 1:5-8. How are you going to be strengthened in your faith? Ask someone in your group to specifically pray that God would supply what is lacking in your faith. Ask them to check up on you to see how God has supplied what is lacking.
9. What does it mean to be “blameless in holiness before our God at the coming our Lord Jesus”? How can you fit that description?