

2 Thessalonians – Small Group Study Week Six

Verses for the week: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don't follow the tradition they received from us. For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good. Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed. Don't think of them as enemies, but warn them as you would a brother or sister.

Questions:

1. What can we learn from Verses 6–13 about helping those in need?

How should these Verses shape our actions?

2. Verse 14 seems very harsh. What do you think this Verse means in practice?

Quote of the week: As I have moved through life, my friends have become fewer but truer. Lisa Bevere