

The Just Judge

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 [Page 1842]

Prayer Concerns:

Jesus will grant relief to those who suffer for His sake. [5-7a]

Jesus will judge those who willfully reject Him. [7b-10]

Hell is...

1. God's _____ punishment for His _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____ and _____ from God

Walking worthy of His calling. [11-12]

1. Make _____ your life _____

2. _____ and _____ the gospel.

3. _____ and _____ the gospel of Christ.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

The Bible Recap:

1. What was most meaningful to you from last week's readings?

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

1. What kind of suffering might you face—however slight—because of your faith in Christ? When is it especially tempting to try to avoid that suffering and turn away from Jesus?
2. How does the doctrine of God's final judgment help us when we are suffering injustices?
3. Verse 7 tells us that when He returns, Jesus will come in a blazing fire with His powerful angels. How does this description differ from how we normally think of Jesus? How can He be both gentle and lowly of heart and a conquering King who avenges His enemies?

4. What has 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 taught you about the reality of hell? How is this changing your outlook on sharing your faith with others?

5. The decisions we make in this life will govern our future condition, not merely for a time, but for all eternity. How, then, are we to make godly decisions?

6. Paul says hell is a place where there is complete and final separation from God. Why is that the worst part of hell?

Taking it Home:

1. Who will you share the amazing grace of Jesus with this week?