



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Wrapping up- I Thessalonians 5:23-28

Re-read 1 Thes. 5:23-28

1. Leslie Newbigin says, “The church is the **sign**, the **instrument** and the **foretaste** of the kingdom of God.” In what ways personally do you experience each of these and express them?

2. Review some of the themes we have learned through this book. What has been significant to you and how will you apply that in your life?
 - “These Jesus followers disrupted the social order of their town.” Does the way we live challenge the “norm”?
 - “They loved with a rugged commitment even when people were hard to love. It changed the way they sacrificed, served and submitted to one another.”
 - Suffering is how disciples are made. Nothing is formed without pressure and the Thessalonians knew pressure. **It is in our weakness that we are made into more than we can be on our own.**
 - trials are tipping points; they can tip us off course or take us deeper into Jesus.
 - This young church reflected the grace upon grace that they had received. Do we? “The real evidence of salvation is a transformed life. **Holiness is what they were called to.**
 - This church was growing in both gospel **love** and gospel **holiness** with the discipleship pattern of **praying first and then doing**, as well as practicing the significance of brotherly love.
 - With Paul’s teaching they realized that everyone has something to contribute; they learned the importance of doing their job well, and with all their heart for the glory of God.
 - With Jesus death is not the end. We will be with him fully and physically again.

- Judgement and Justice always come together. There is no justice without judgement of every evil. **Live the good life by living the GOD life.**
3. What is sanctification and why is it important?

 4. We talked about sanctification being both from the outside /in and the inside/out. Take time to talk through this.

 5. In what ways has your posture, perception and perspective of God affected you. Are there any shifts you need to make? If so, consider sharing what/how?