

## Suggested Discussion Questions for 9/17/2023

### Message: Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 5, (1 Thes. 3:1-11)

1. Share a season of suffering or opposition that you have endured. How did God bring about your thriving through it?
2. Read back through chapter 3 a couple times, maybe in different translations. What strikes you most? Formulate a question or two you would like the group to discuss.
3. How would you establish or exhort or encourage someone suffering for their faith? What clues do you get from this passage?
4. How does Paul's concern for the Thessalonians inspire your desire to live in fellowship with other believers?
5. What are the implications for us that we are *destined* to suffer? Cite another passage that supports this reality. How should it shape the way we look at life?
6. How does 2 Corinthians 4, especially verses 16-18, encourage you? Challenge you?
7. If someone asked you to explain what it means to really live, how would you answer, based on this passage?
8. The idea of supplying what is lacking in someone's faith is an interesting concept, especially since we like to think of ourselves as in a better condition than we probably are. How do you think this works out practically for you?
9. What is one step you would like to take this week to go forward in your walk with God?