## Suggested Discussion Questions for 11/12/2023 Message: Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 11 (1 Thes. 5:19-28)

- 1. Share something that really stood out or made an impact for you in our study of 1 Thessalonians.
- 2. How would you explain to a new believer the meaning and significance of quenching the Spirit?
- 3. What are some specific ways people actively or passively quench the Spirit?
- 4. Paul warns the Thessalonians to avoid 2 extremes shutting down the truth of God when we shouldn't, and not addressing error when we should. How do you see this playing out in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church?
- 5. Talk through the ways suggested in the message to "test prophecies" (truth proclaimed as revealed from God). What stands out to you? What would you add?
- 6. Which of the two extremes does the text hint might be more dangerous? Why?
- 7. Explain the distinction between abstaining from the "appearance" of evil and abstaining from every "form" of evil? Why is a clear understanding important?
- 8. How does Paul bring the faithfulness of God into this section? Why is this important to our process of sanctification?
- 9. Share which chapter in 1 Thessalonians had the greatest impact on you and why.
- 10. What would you like to discuss about this passage that hasn't already been addressed?