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**Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 2:2-20 (Week 3 - Faith for the Future)** Taught by Michael Goodwin

*We desire our LifeGroups to be a place where we can build deep relationships with each other and help each other know Jesus more. As you engage in discussion with your LifeGroup, I want to encourage you to be as transparent as you feel comfortable. The goal of these groups is to share our lives together in a way where we experience biblical fellowship, and personal transformation.*

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## Life Group Discussion Questions:

### Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

1. Have you ever struggled to believe that the Bible is actually God's inspired word to humankind?
2. The words "received" and "accepted" are used in this verse about God's word. How can you receive and accept more of God's word in your life?
3. God's word is always at work. In what ways are you seeing God's word at work in your life right now?

### Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20 & Ephesians 6:11-12

4. In this week's message Michael talked about "spiritual warfare" and that we can experience real spiritual battles. Have you ever experienced something like that? Share
  5. What are your thoughts about relationships being the only thing we can take into eternity? (Relationship with God and other believers)
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## Life Group Ministry Time:

*Life Group ministry time is when we pray for each other and do our best to practically apply the word of God to what is happening in our lives right now. As you share and pray please be as practical as possible and ask for prayer as needed.*

1. How can you make God's word more a part of your life and what are you going to do about it?
2. Is there a promise in God's word that you are holding onto right now and contending with? Share
3. Is there an area of your life that you feel you are encountering "spiritual warfare" in that you need prayer for. Share and then have the lifegroup pray.

## Personal Review and Study:

*This section can be used for personal study throughout the week to help you apply what is being taught and apply it to our lives. This could also be used as supplemental devotional material.*

- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:3-20 in three different translations. Did anything stand out to you in another translation?
- What do you think God is personally speaking to you through this passage? Write it down and then, pray, and ask God to work in your life.
- Read Ephesians 6:11-12. What do you think about this passage and does this seem like it has relevance in your life right now?
- Read Matthew 6:20–21. How can you store up eternal treasures in the context of relationships with others?

## Additional Scriptures to Study

- **Hebrews 4:12** (The power of God's word)
- **James 1:22** (Obeying God's word)
- **John 3:36** (God's wrath)
- **Romans 8:18-21** (Suffering and future glory)
- **Matthew 6:20–21** (Eternal reward)