

Sermon 4/25/24
Jesus is Coming Back - 2 Thessalonians 3
Speed the Gospel Forward

Slides

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Journey Men



Women's Ministry



Co-Ed Adults



JCREW



Young Adults

Life Group Childcare

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5. **2 Thessalonians 3:1** *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,*
6. **Goal: Speed the Gospel Forward**
7. **2 Thessalonians 3:2-3** *and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*
8. Unaffiliated with any organized faith:
 - a. Silent Generation: 9%
 - b. Boomers: 18%
 - c. Millennials: 29%
 - d. Gen Z: 34%
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 - a. Fully separate and condescend
 - b. Assimilate and compromise
 - c. Be set apart + equipped. engage wisely. and offer truth that is better than what the world has.
10. **#1: Navigate the Opposition**
11. **2 Thessalonians 3:4-5** *And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.*
12. **2 Thessalonians 3:6** *Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.*
13. **2 Thessalonians 3:7-9** *For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.*

14. **2 Thessalonians 3:10** *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*
15. **#2: Work Hard**
16. **2 Thessalonians 3:11** *For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.*
17. **2 Thessalonians 3:12** *Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.*
18. **2 Thessalonians 3:13-14** *As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed.*
19. **#3: Stay Motivated**
20. **2 Thessalonians 3:15** *Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.*
21. **2 Thessalonians 3:16** *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.*
22. **Goal: Speed the Gospel Forward**
 1. Navigate the Opposition
 2. Work Hard
 3. Stay Motivated

Questions

1. Read 2 Thes. 3:1. How familiar are you with the Great Awakening “speeding ahead the Word of the Lord” and how can this era of church history inspire us today?
2. Read 2 Thes. 3:2-3. How noticeable is it out in the world that “not all have faith”? With the three reaction options below, which is the most common for you?
 - a. Fully separate and condescend
 - b. Assimilate and compromise
 - c. Be set apart/equipped, engage wisely, and offer truth that is better than what the world has.
3. Read 2 Thes. 3:6. How are you doing at putting yourself around those who spur you on rather than those who are idle?
4. Read 2 Thes. 3:7-10. Why is it important for the people of God’s church to work hard? What does/should this look like for us today?
5. Read 2 Thes. 3:11. Do you or those around you struggle with smart phones or TV taking away from the community and mission of God? (Causing us to become

“busybodies” rather than actually being busy at work toward the Great Commission.)