

– God's Will For You –

Ice-Breaker:

Have you ever experienced God's direction on your life? If so, when?

Discussion:

1. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**

   - **Why should we show respect and appreciation to the spritual leaders in our lives?**
   - **In what ways could we show appreciation to them?**

2. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14**

   - **What can we learn about how to treat others (friends, family, etc.) from this verse?**
   - **What does it mean to admonish?**
   - **How can you encourage those who feel weak?**
   - **When is it hard for you to be patient with others?**

3. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15**

   - **How do we naturally react when others are unkind to us? How should we react? How can we take control of our reactions?**

4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

   - **How can we rejoice always even when things aren't going well or according to plan?**
   - **What does it mean to pray continually? How can you improve your prayer life in the coming year?**
   - **How can we give thanks in everything?**

Application:

- **Make a list of areas of your life where you are struggling to find joy and gratitude. Spend some time and focus on what's right instead of what's wrong. Invite God into your circumstance and try and find gratitude.**