

GOD'S JUDGMENT

2 Thessalonians 1

INTO THE TOPIC (OPENING):

What did your parents do right in raising you? What rewards and punishments worked best?

INTO THE WORD (STUDY):

- What has happened since Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians (v. 4)? How has persecution affected this church?
- What is the evidence that they are "worthy" of God's Kingdom (v. 5)?
- Who is on trial here? Who is on the witness stand? In the judge's chambers?
- Why is God waiting until the Second Coming to punish these persecutors? Who benefits from this delayed justice?
- What quality do you think Paul admires most in these Christians?
- What do you see as the net effect of Paul's thanksgiving and prayer?

*Think Q.U.E.S.T.: Do you still have a lingering **QUESTION**? What is particularly **UNEASY** for you or catches your attention? Is there an **EXHORTATION** or command in this passage? What is the **SETTING** (historical/cultural/linguistic context)? Is there a **TRUTH** to grasp?*

INTO MY LIFE (APPLICATION):

- How will you exercise faith and love this week in a specific way or relationship?
- Which of your current struggles are a result of being a Christian?
- How do you feel about the punishment mentioned in verses 8-9? How might you if you were being severely oppressed?