

Growth Group Questions

Pentecost 23 (The Last Day), November 13, 2022

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Into the Word

1. Is it better to live in a time when the church is actively persecuted or when it is tolerated by others? How does God bless his people in each situation?
2. Paul says here that he boasts about the perseverance of the Thessalonians under persecution pressure. We don't typically boast about ourselves, but can you share any examples of people that you might boast about who have been good mentors or examples for your faith? (If you can't think of any, choose someone described in the Bible.)
3. What comforts of American life does Satan use against believers of our time and nation?
4. What is the greatest danger for those who call themselves Christian but have a faith that is false or shallow? What does Jesus say to such Christians in his letter to Laodicea (Rev 3)?
5. In a sermon I don't focus too much on the judgment awaiting the unbelievers. I'm preaching to believers, after all. In your own gathering, help each other understand the awful nature of hell. Why is being "shut out from the presence of the Lord" in these verses a far greater punishment than fire and worms?
6. What are you most looking forward to on the Last Day?

Prayer

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