

WEEK 13- FINISHING WELL

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28

1. TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
2. LET WHAT GOD HAS SAID HAVE THE FINAL SAY
3. TRUST IN WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE'S DONE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **ICEBREAKER:** On Sunday, Pastor Ryan announced that we will be having two Christmas Eve services this year at 4 PM and 5:30 PM on Dec 24th! Christmas Eve is a prime opportunity to invite your friends and family who don't normally attend church. Who are you bringing with you to Christmas Eve this year?
2. This week we finished our UNFINISHED series. What message/idea from this series was most impactful to you and why?
3. The first main idea of this week's message was "Train yourself to be happy no matter what happens." Our lives aren't Hallmark movies. If we allow our rejoicing, prayer and thankfulness to be determined by our circumstances or emotions then we may never do any of those things. How much control would you say your emotions have on your actions? How can we train ourselves to be happy in Jesus no matter what happens?
4. The second main idea this week was "Let what God has said have the final say." Why do you think it's important to have an outside authority that can speak into your life? Can you give an example of a time when you submitted to what God has said in His word even though it wasn't what you wanted?
5. One of the questions that Paul is answering in this letter to the Thessalonians is "Am I going to be enough when I stand before God?" When you think about standing before God, what do you imagine it will be like?
6. The final idea this week was "Trust in who God is and what He's done." What do you see in 1 Thess. 5:23-24 that can show us some of who God is and what He's done? Is there anything from these verses that is particularly encouraging to you?
7. Winter Relief starts on December 9th! How are you planning to serve during Winter Relief? What are you most excited about? What are you most nervous about?