

Title: God's Purposes and Our Plans

Text: II Thessalonians 1:1-12

Yearly Plans:

1. Continue Expository Preaching
 - II Corinthians: "Gospel Connections For Everyday Life"
 - Ecclesiastes: "Living Wisely In A Confused World"
 - I Peter: "Hope to Live By"
2. Strengthen Discipleship
3. Think Through Evangelism

Three Directives:

1. Reflect on God's Past and Present Grace
2. Embrace an Eternal Perspective
3. Live for What Matters Most

"The engagement of God's power never takes the place of the engagement of our will! The power of God engages itself beneath or behind or within our will, not in place of our will. The evidence of God's power in our lives is not the absence of our willing but the strength of our willing." - John Piper

Closing Small Group Prayer:

1. Pray for personal holiness and a growing affection for Jesus.
2. Pray for the salvation of people who haven't trusted Jesus.
3. Pray that our resolves and works would be empowered by God's grace and the Holy Spirit.