

## Living in Light of Jesus' Return – Encourage One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:11-28

1. Think about a time when you were really encouraged by someone. How were you feeling at the time it happened? What did they do or say that encouraged you? How did you feel afterwards? What impact did the encouragement have upon you – i.e. what did you do in response or decide to do?
2. Summarise what Paul says in verses 12-13 about how leaders and members of the congregation are to relate to one another? Depending upon your role in the church, describe whether you have done any of these things.
3. How should church members express care for one another according to verses 14 and 15? What do you think of the **PEACE** model of pastoral care: **PRAY** with and for one another; **ENCOURAGE** one another in our Christian walk; Be **AVAILABLE** to and keep in touch with one another; **COMFORT** one another in the tough times; Be a Christian **EXAMPLE** for one another.
4. Describe what should be happening in church gatherings according to Paul in verses 16-28?
5. If you didn't get a chance to complete the worksheet in the service or wanted to add more names to it, or if you needed more time or weren't there, spend the remainder of your home group time completing the form, sharing something from it, and then praying together. The form has been reproduced on the back of this page.

**LIVING IN LIGHT OF JESUS' RETURN: A SERIES IN 1 THESSALONIANS**  
**Encouraging One Another**  
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Think about and then write down:

(1) A leader who you could encourage or give respect to.

(2) How you can be more peaceable.

(3) A fellow church member that you could encourage.

(4) A fellow church member you should warn.

(5) A fellow church member who is weak and needs care.

(6) What good you can do for others.

(7) Who you will pray for every day this week.

(8) How you will avoid stifling the Holy Spirit.

(9) What you will do to stay away from evil.

Now share with the group something from your list and pray for one another.