

Small Group Questions:

- 1) Why do you think so many people feel that 2020 was a wasted year? Looking back what are some specific things you're thankful for in 2020?
- 2) In what ways was normal, pre-Covid an idol for people? How will you respond if back to normal isn't what God has in mind?
- 3) Read 1 Thess 5:14-15. How have people been idle, fainthearted and weak this year? How are we called to encourage people like that? See Heb 10:24-24; 12:1-2.
- 4) Why is patience something we often demand from others, but fail to show to others? How can we be more like the Lord who's slow to anger and merciful, instead of being critical and judgmental? See Jonah 4:1-3. How would the way you deal with people be different if you showed more patience?
- 5) Read 1 Thess 5:16. As followers of Christ why is joy something we're called to live in and not just work at? See John 15:9-11. Why can't we grumble and be joyful at the same time (so why do we often try)?
- 6) How is rejoicing not something based on our feelings, but based on what we know is true? Why does the truth of the gospel fill us with rejoicing? See Isa 9:1-2; 6.
- 7) Read 1 Thess 5:16-18. How do you struggle to give thanks in everything? What could help change your perspective?