

STUDY 8: RESPECT, REGARD & REJOICING

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 28

Paul wraps up his letter and addresses other important and very practical matters. Teaching that shapes the life of the church as together we await the Lord's return.

DEEP IN THE WORD

1. Respect (v.12) – who is Paul referring to here?
2. What is the nature of their work amongst us?
3. Why are we to respect and highly esteem them?
4. Regard (v.13b – 15) – It is not just our leaders who have a pastoral role amongst us. We all have a responsibility to each other. *Discuss.*
5. Rejoice (v.16 – 22) - *Discuss* 'the will of God in Christ Jesus for you' and the 'do nots' of v.19 - 22.

DEEP IN PRAYER

Pray for our elders.

Pray for one another.

Using Paul's benediction from v.23 as the basis for prayer, wrap up the series. Ask that by God's grace we would stand fast in faith, rejoicing in our salvation and, that God himself would sanctify us completely. Ask of God that by faith in Jesus we would be found blameless at his coming. Amen. Come Lord Jesus!