

## Stand to the End: Biblical Encouragement

Scripture reading: OPEN

Discussion Guide: April 20, 2025

### **CHECK UP:**

\*Memory Work: Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

- Matthew 24:42

\*Over the past couple of weeks, how did you live in light of the imminent return of Jesus?

### **OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (*Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share*)

### **READ and ASK: Matthew 10:21-22; Luke 21:16-19; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

- What are some key ways we stand firm to the end?
  - o What is "the end"?
  - o Why is walking with others key for standing to the end?

### **READ and ASK: Hebrews 4:9-12; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Colossians 3:16**

- What is encouragement?
  - o What is biblical encouragement?
- How do these passage encourage us (the church) to biblically encourage one another?
  - o Why is that important for standing firm to the end?
  - o What does it look like to biblically encourage one another?

### **APPLY:**

- Tell about a time when someone biblically encouraged you?
- How can this group practice biblical encouragement?
  - o When can it be difficult to practice biblical encouragement?
- How do you need to be biblically encouraged?
  - o How do you need to do a better job of biblically encouraging others?
  - o NEXT STEP: What commitment do you need to make this week in order to be biblically encouraged?

### Memory Work:

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. - Colossians 3:16

### Next Week's Reading:

Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:1-6; Proverbs 27:17; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9; Luke 17:3