

### Getting to know you:

1. Share the top three things you are praying for at the moment.

### Into the Bible

1. 'Finally,' Paul writes, "pray for us." What is Paul requesting prayer for?
2. Look back over the key topics in the first two chapters. What stands out to you and how do Paul's prayer points match up?
3. Paul's first concern was for the rapid spread of the word of God. How does the word of God spread?
4. In what ways is God honoured and glorified through the spreading of His word?
5. Apparently it had this affect in Thessalonica ("...just as it was with you"). Can you find any evidence of this as you look back through Paul's two letters to this church?
6. What is Paul's second prayer request and what is he saying to them about the reality of faith and faithfulness? Write out the following verses on faith.
  - Hebrews 11:6
  - 2 Timothy 2:13
7. What direction does Paul's last prayer request take us in?

## Application

1. Is the word of God spreading rapidly in your own life? What ways can you think of that may allow the word of God to have more freedom in your life?

"May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love..." I love this prayer.

2. What ways direct our hearts into God's love?
3. What ways detract or perhaps distract our hearts from God's love?
4. What does God's word say about God's love? Check out a couple of these verses if you ever doubt God's love for you:
  - John 3:16
  - Jeremiah 31:3
  - Romans 8:35-39
  - 1 John 4:7-12

## Going Beyond

It has been said that prayer is the breath in the lungs of the church. One of the best ways to apply God's word to your life is to pray God's word into your life. List at least three topics of prayer Paul mentions in these five short verses. Simply jot down a key word or two and ask God if this applies to you or someone you know. If so, stop and pray.

1. Prayer:
2. Prayer:
3. Prayer:

You may also pray together in your Life Group for these and for the many other areas in which God is moving in:

- your life,
- The Street,
- Wellington,
- New Zealand,
- and beyond

It's amazing to behold the rapid speed in which God chooses to move when heartfelt prayer is directed to Him!