

SCC Small Group Discussion
Church like Jesus – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15
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Getting Started:

Describe a time in the past year, when a Christian helped you and showed their commitment to you.

Searching the Scriptures:

A. What have you done (or could you do) to show this kind of respect to your leaders?

B. Why does it mention living peacefully with each other? Why do pastors and members of the congregation sometimes struggle with this?

C. How do Paul's instructions keep both leaders and members of the church from "lording it over" each other?

D. In verse 14, Paul talks about, "taking tender care of those who are weak." Can you give an example in your own life of someone in this situation?

E. What do you find attractive about the type of community described in these verses?

F. Note that Paul is asking the members of the church (not just their leaders) to take part in these corrective actions and positive behaviors. Think about how you have taken part in the lives of others in the church. Which of these descriptions would characterize you right now?

Application of Scripture:

A. How does John 13:3-8 illustrate what Paul is talking about in this passage?

B. Who in your life right now needs your support and patience?