

# *Sermon Discussion Guide*

*Joyful, Prayerful, Thankful*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–22

## *Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks (16–18)*

- What is the difference between happiness and joy?
- What is our source of joy as believers?
- What does it mean to pray without ceasing?
- Why can we give God thanks in all circumstances?

## *Listen to God's Word (19–20)*

- Does God still speak to his people today? How?
- Listening to God's Word involves responding appropriately to it. How are you tempted to ignore or disregard what God says in his Word?

## *Exercise Discernment (21–22)*

- What does it mean to “test everything”?
- Why is it important to exercise discernment with teaching you hear or read on the Internet, TV, the radio, and in books?
- What questions can you ask to help determine whether something you hear or read is sound teaching versus false teaching?