



Week 4 | Rise | March 26

Key Focus: The church is family.

Opening Up:

- When my head is clear and I am at peace, it's because...
- One of my life goals is to...
- My favorite family activity is/was...
- One of my family goals is...
- When my family is at its best we are/were...

Reference: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Discuss:

1. In your experience, is the church treated more like a commodity or a family?
2. Do you think "church shopping" is a bad phrase? What would be a better phrase?
3. Explain what it's like to look for a church? What should someone be looking for in a church community?
4. When has church felt like home for you?
5. In a healthy family everyone participates. Have you ever been in a family experience where everyone doesn't participate? What is that like?
6. Have you ever been far from a family member and didn't know how they were doing? What is that like? How does the apostle Paul's struggle with this feeling in 3:1 help you to understand his view of the church?
7. In 3:6 Paul hears the good news of their faith. How do you think that made the apostle Paul feel? Whose faith are you praying for night and day (3:10)?
8. How have you witnessed the church living like family?
9. How does the hope of our forever family with God comfort you in times of suffering?
10. Pray.