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*This Bible study provides you and your group with a deeper look at 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 and is based on the sermon given by Pastor Bruce French on September 5, 2021. The sermon and Deeper Connection Study are available on the web at http://www.cbcglendora.org.*

Though the church received great encouragement from Paul about the way they showed love to one another, they were still called to excel all the more. This has implications inside and outside the church community.

**Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

1. What is the importance of brotherly love?

2. How is it expressed (cf. Jn. 13:35; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Gal. 5:14; Phil. 2:3-4; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pt. 3:8)?

3. What three examples of brotherly love does Paul exhort the church to do (v. 11)? How does this way of life actually contribute to loving others?

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4. What two reasons does he offer for this (v. 12)? Why is this significant?

5. How do you display love to others? How do you think God is honored and people are valued through your actions?

6. How is the way you live connected to the way you love? In other words, how is your growing love for and toward others contingent upon your growing love for Christ?

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**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his love! Pray for your faith community to excel in loving one another. Ask God to magnify your witness to outsiders because of the way you live.