

Fresh Start “Encouragement Done Right” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15
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This Bible study provides you and your group with a deeper look at 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 and is based on the sermon given by Ben Cook on September 26, 2021. The sermon and Deeper Connection Study are available on the web at <http://www.cbclendora.org>.

Living in community can be difficult. Each Christian has a responsibility to live in peace with each other while also excelling at encouragement. The apostle Paul once again provides timely exhortation to the church to grow as a community of Christians.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

1. What does Paul say to indicate church leaders [pastors/elders] are worthy of respect (vv. 12-13a; cf. 1 Tim. 5:17-18)?

2. How do you personally show them respect? How can you encourage them in their work?

3. How do you obey the command to “live in peace with each other” (v. 13b)? What does it really look like? How is it difficult?

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PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the church! Pray for a spirit of mutual encouragement to be evident in your church. Ask God to use you to personally encourage others in the faith. Pray for your church leaders and ask God to bless their labors.