

Series: Together  
Sermon: Grow Together  
Speaker: Jerry Gillis

### **Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 5  
Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 3  
Wednesday: Galatians 6  
Thursday: Matthew 6:19-34  
Friday: 2 Peter 3  
Saturday: Romans 14

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about growing together as a Church? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, 11. Paul says the Day of the Lord is coming. How does living with that perspective change the way we relate to one another in the Church?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15. Which of Paul's instructions (warn the idle, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient, pursue good) comes most naturally for you? Which is most challenging? Why?
5. What's the difference between "warning" someone in love and being a fault-finder? Can you share a time when someone lovingly admonished you and it helped you grow?
6. How can we practically "help the weak" in our church family - not just spiritually, but physically and relationally too?
7. What might it look like for our group to "grow together in the likeness of Jesus" this fall?
8. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Action Step**

1. Identify someone who is physically, spiritually, or emotionally struggling and do something tangible to "hold up their arms" - bring a meal, pray with them, sit with them, or walk alongside them.
2. This week, if someone frustrates you or inconveniences you, stop and remember God's patience toward you. Instead of reacting, pray: "Lord, help me reflect your patience in this moment."