

1 Thess 4:9–12  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Sermon Conversation Guide

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NOTES:

*Key Words &  
Concepts:*

*Theodidaktos:*  
“taught by God”

*Philadelphia:*  
“brotherly love”

## Sermon:

### Brotherly Love, Quiet Living, & Proper Witness

- 1) Brotherly Love (9–10a)
- 2) Quiet Living (10b–11)
- 3) Proper Witness (12)

## Questions for Discussion:

- What things stood out to you from today’s passage?
- What things did you find challenging or confusing?
- How are we taught by God? How may we pursue this in our own lives?
- How do we see the church (then, and now) practicing “brotherly love?”  
How can we grow in this and encourage it in our church?
- What does Paul say about living quietly and working with your hands?  
Why do you think this was important? How do we pursue this in our own day?
- Why do so many despise hard work? What is the spiritual truth behind this rejection of work that Paul is addressing? How might we (no matter our vocation) work in a way that glorifies God?
- How do we give a Christian witness in this world?
- Why was it important for the Thessalonians to be “dependent on no one?”  
How does this apply to us?