



## Topeka Bible Church

*Waiting for Something to Happen: The Thessalonian Letters*

**#4: *While Waiting ... Experience the Amazing Intimacy of Christian Community***

### Community Group Study Questions

*1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10 and selected passages*

1. Are you a part of a "Christian Community" here at TBC? If so, why did you choose to get connected with others? If not, why not? What prevents you from sharing life and growing deep with others within the body of Christ?
2. Why was Timothy specifically sent to Thessalonica (*1 Thessalonians 3:1-2*; cf. *Romans 1:11-12*; *Acts 15:41*; *18:23*; *Philippians 2:19*)? Imagine you were one of the Thessalonian Christians. How would Timothy's visit have impacted you?
3. Why can trials or persecution be a good thing (*1 Thessalonians 3:3-4*; *Romans 5:3*; *2 Corinthians 1:5*)? Who is the "tempter" and what was Paul worried would happen to the Thessalonians (*1 Thessalonians 3:5*; *Matthew 4:3*; *1 Corinthians 15:1-2*)?
4. What did Timothy report back to Paul and Silvanus and how did his report impact them (*1 Thessalonians 3:6*; *Acts 17:15*; *18:5*)? Why was Timothy's report so refreshing for Paul and Silvanus to hear (*1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*; cf. *Philemon 7*)?

