# **Timothy's Encouraging Report - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Topics: Encouragement, Faith, Love, Prayer, Second Coming

## **Open It**

- 1. If you could make a surprise visit to a dear friend or relative, whom would you select?
- \* 2. How can you express love to someone when you can't see or talk to the person?

### **Explore It**

- 3. What news did Timothy bring to Paul from Thessalonica? (3:6-7)
- \* 4. How had Paul's work among the Thessalonians fared during his absence? (3:6-7)
  - 5. How were the Thessalonians an encouragement to Paul? (3:7-9)
  - 6. Why did Paul say, "for now we really live"? (3:8)
  - 7. For what did Paul pray concerning the Thessalonians? (3:10)
  - 8. How did Paul pray? (3:10)
- \* 9. When did Paul pray? For whom? (3:10)
  - 10. What was Paul hoping for? (3:11)
  - 11. What did Paul ask the Lord to do? (3:11-13)
- \* 12. What did Paul pray would grow and prosper among the Thessalonians? (3:11-13)
  - 13. How should we prepare for Christ's return to earth? (3:13)

#### Get It

- 14. How would you define and evaluate the depth of a person's faith?
- 15. How would you define and evaluate the depth of a person's love?
- \* 16. How do you show your concern for Christians in distant places?
  - 17. What are the characteristics of someone who is standing firm in the Lord?
  - 18. In what ways should we imitate Paul's example when assigning credit for bringing someone to Christ?
  - 19. What place did the Thessalonians have in Paul's prayer life?
- \* 20. How does a person's love for others increase?
  - 21. How can a person have his or her heart strengthened?

## **Apply It**

- 22. What preparations can you make this week to get ready for Christ's return?
- \* 23. What changes do you need to make to focus your prayer on others?