THE WORK OF FAITH AND SUFFERING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
(Read the verses from several translations if possible, KJV, NKJV, NIV, NLT, etc...)

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM THE VERSES LISTED.

Verse 1: How do CMA’ers get to **belong** to God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord?

Verse 2: How do you define **grace** and **peace**?
   • Give **examples** of how you’ve experienced each.

Verse 3: (This is an awesome verse to apply to CMA). This verse speaks of **praying** for one another, growing in **faith**, and **loving** one another more and more.
   • How is this verse being **exemplified** in your local chapter?
   • Is there anything you can do to **improve** in these areas?

Verse 4-5: This is where the rubber meets the road for Christians and CMA’ers. **Suffering** and **persecution** for the Kingdom of God are a very real part of the true believers pilgrimage with Christ.
   • What kind of persecution and suffering have you **endured** for your faith?
   • What **possibilities** do you see coming in our world today?
   • How can chapter members **assist** one another through these trials? (See also John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12).

Verse 6-7: (See Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:30) Verse 6 shows that vengeance and judgment belong to God, not us.
   • Does that give you **comfort**?
   • Why or why not?
   • What is the **promise** of verse 7?

Verse 8-9: What is the **importance** of verse 8-9 in our work of ministry in CMA?

Verse 10: Discuss your **hope** and **excitement** when you read verse 10.

Verse 11: What does it mean to be **worthy** of the life He has called you to live?
   • How does your personal desire for **goodness** translate into your personal, professional, and community life?
   • What would it take for you to **complete** your work of faith?
Verse 12: How can we give honor and glory to the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus through CMA?

- What do you think verse 12 means when it says we will also receive glory from Jesus?

PRAY for one another and for God to help your chapter members apply this study to their personal lives. Take a moment to give glory to God and Jesus – they are TRULY worthy!