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!