Monroe Bible Church March 4, 2018 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Fulfilling Our Calling

I. Know What Happened (16-18)

The defense...

The deliverance...

God is able to <u>deliver</u> you through <u>disappointment</u> and <u>danger</u> as you follow His calling.

II. Know About the Others (19-22)

The greetings...

The goings...

Keep your *confidence* in God, your *connection* to the brethren, and your *calling* before you!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. What is Paul's prayer for his readers in 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12?

Describe God's calling for your life the best you can. What are your greatest challenges to living this out? What helps you most?

2. The abandonment of others, or attacks, are not only discouraging, but cause difficulties in living out our calling. Have you experienced this? Explain.

What responses to unjust treatment are urged or demonstrated in: Matthew 5:10-12; 38-41; Luke 23:34; Rom 12:17-21; 1 Peter 2:19-24

What purpose would these responses serve? How are these instructions followed without enabling abuse?

3. Read Hebrews 13:5-6. What confidence is the writer trying to instill in his readers?

Can you give an example of when you trusted God to help you through a hardship in serving Him? Do you have an example of when you failed?

4. Read 2 Peter 1:10-11. How does thinking about arrival in heaven, having walked with God, motivate you?

5. What are the readers of 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 told to do?

What value do you gain for yourself when you are with other believers? What benefit do you bring to them? What do you do to stay connected?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?