



## The Peace of His Presence

### WK10 SG

**WARM UP:** *What has robbed you of a good night's sleep recently? What usually brings you peace when things are uncertain?*

Paul had just finished giving a series of difficult commands to the church on how they were to handle members who were idle and taking advantage of the generosity of others. The commands were simple but were bound to create tension on both parties. Now, it was up to them to follow through and seek to bring the disruptive members back into line. This is where the hard work would begin and Paul wanted them to know that both the peace and grace of Christ would be necessary if they were to do it right.

### READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

1. If you've ever had a difficult conversation and knew there still hard work to be done afterwards, how would you end the conversation?
2. How is the closing of Paul's letter similar to its beginning?
3. Why do you think Paul's letter emphasizes grace and peace? How would you define "peace"?
4. What would it mean for you to have the Lord's peace at all times and in every way?
5. Why does Paul call attention to his own handwriting (v. 17)?
6. On a scale of 1-10, [1 (*high anxiety*) -10 (*blissfully peaceful*)], where would you rate God's sense of peace now? Where do you need it most right now?
7. What has been your "take-away" from our study of 2 Thessalonians? What has encouraged you the most? And what has challenged you?