



HOUSE GROUPS

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1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

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Question: Paul says the Thessalonians are “*taught by God*” to love one another. How does God teach us to love today?

Question: Why do you think Paul commends their love but still urges them to “*increase more and more*”?

Question: What’s the difference between *brotherly love* (Greek: *Philadelphia*) and general kindness toward others?

Question: How can believers balance encouragement for love already being shown with the challenge to grow deeper in it?

Question: What role does the Holy Spirit play in shaping our love for others?

Question: What might it look like to *increase more and more* in love in practical daily life?

Question: Paul mentions their love extended to “all the brethren in Macedonia.” Why is it significant that their love reached beyond their immediate church?

Question: How does the love of the Thessalonians serve as a model for churches today?

Question: Why is Christian love described as both *commanded* and *God-taught*?

Question: What obstacles keep us from growing in love toward others, even within the church?

Question: How can your church (or group) practically encourage one another to grow in this type of love?

Question: If someone asked you how they could recognize “brotherly love” in action, what example from your own life or community could you share?