

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 5/25/14

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Title: Gratitude: “Faith Works, Love Labors, Hope Endures”

1) Read 1 Thessalonians 1 and share insights you might have from the text.

2) Share with on another some of the unique things you cherish about th church and small group?

3) “Work of Faith”: What can you learn about true faith from verses 4-7? How does true faith affect your work? Can you think of examples of this at North Wake and places you see in your small group where someone’s faith is producing good works!

4) “Labor of Love”: Where do you see people “toiling”/leaving nothing to spare and the serve others at North Wake? What keeps you from being all in? What needs to be done at North Wake for us to be an example to others? Can you do what it takes?

5) “Steadfastness of Hope”: How is Christian Hope different than “empty optimism”? (1 Peter 1:3-7, 13) What keeps you from enduring in trial? How can the group foster enduring hope in affliction?

6) “Serving and Waiting”: What is the importance of both of these in the Christian life? (1:9-10)

7) Who do you need to encourage by acknowledging how you see God working in and through them? Spend time praying prayers of thanksgiving and remembering “works of faith, labors of love, and steadfastness in hope.