OUR GLORY AND JOY

1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:13

Key Verse: 2:20

1. How did Paul describe the apostles’ separation from the Thessalonians? (2:17) Why could Paul not go back to see them? (18) Why did he want them to know this?
2. Read verses 19,20. What does it mean that these new believers were the hope, joy, glory and crown of the apostles? What can we learn from this?
3. How and why did the apostles send Timothy to the Thessalonians? (3:1,2) As Christians, why should we expect trials and persecutions? (3,4) What else did Paul say about his reason for sending Timothy? (5) What can we learn from him?
4. After his visit, what report did Timothy bring? (6) How did the apostles respond to this, and why? (7–9) What was their prayer, and why? (10)
5. What prayer topics did Paul have? (11–13) What can we learn here about how to pray for others?