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Discussion Questions**

1) The _____ of God v.18b

- I Thess 4:3
- I Thess 5:18
- I Peter 2:15

2) _____ Always v.16

- Psalm 95; Phil 4:11-13

3) Pray _____ v.17

- Transforming Prayer – Daniel Henderson

4) In _____ give thanks v.18

- Exodus 19:5; Deut 10:14; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1; I Cor 6:19-20; I Tim 6:7

My Response:

***Weekly Memory Verse: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all things give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
I Thess 5:16-18***

When Paul says “this is God’s will for you in Christ” how emphatic do you think he intends to be? Is it meaningful that he uses this choice of words so infrequently in his writing?

Talk about how having a God that never changes and who has promised eternity to us helps to create real joy in our hearts no matter the circumstances we live in. How is the world outside of the kingdom of God dependent on circumstances for joy?

How can we live a life where we truly remain in an attitude of prayer (abiding) always? What might it look like and how would it change your thoughts and attitudes each day?

How is God’s ownership of everything a source of real confidence? How does it permit us to live lives of real generosity?

Discuss John Wesley’s quote ““When the Possessor of heaven and earth brought you into being, and placed you in this world, he placed you here not as a proprietor, but a steward.”