



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Words in Worship: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

- 1. What circumstances in your life currently make it difficult to "rejoice always"?**
 - How does the sermon's distinction between rejoicing in the Lord rather than in circumstances challenge your thinking?
- 2. When you think about your prayer life, which kinds of prayers come most naturally to you (requests, thanksgiving, confession, praise, lament, etc.)?**
 - Which type of prayer do you think God may be inviting you to practice more intentionally?
- 3. The sermon described prayer as "keeping company with God."**
 - What would it look like for you to cultivate a more continual awareness of God's presence throughout your everyday activities?
- 4. Can you identify a difficult season in which thankfulness helped shape your perspective?**
 - What is one thing you can genuinely thank God for right now, even if your circumstances are challenging?
- 5. Pastor Keith said that words form us.**
 - What words—from parents, mentors, friends, Scripture, or the church—have had a significant impact on who you have become?
- 6. Paul tells believers not to quench the Spirit and not to despise prophetic words, while also testing them carefully.**
 - How can we pursue both discernment and expectancy as a group?
- 7. This week, which of Paul's three worship practices—rejoicing, praying, or giving thanks—do you most need to grow in?**
 - What specific action will you take this week to put that practice into action?