

## Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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### CONNECT

- Is there someone you know you would describe as either a thankful, joyful, or prayerful person? What is it like to be around that person?

### GROW

- Have you ever wondered about God's will for your life? Please explain. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What do we learn about the will of God from this passage?
- These commands are the will of God; how serious are we to be about keeping them?
- What does it mean to rejoice always? What does it not mean? What does Hebrews 12:2 teach us about Jesus and rejoicing always? What would be the opposite of rejoicing always? How prominent in your thinking every day is the command to rejoice always? Please explain.
- What does it mean to pray without ceasing? What does it not mean? What would be the opposite of praying without ceasing? How prominent in your thinking every day is the command to pray without ceasing? Please explain.
- What does it mean to give thanks in all circumstances? What does it not mean? What would be the opposite of giving thanks in all circumstances? How prominent in your thinking every day is the command to give thanks in all circumstances?
- How should these commands shape Highland Community Church? What impact will our church have in our community if we obey these commands from God? What practical things could our community expect to see? What will our community see if we do not practice these commands?
- Why would God call us to earnestly make these commands a priority in our lives?

### GO

- What needs to change in your life so that you would be able to follow these commands of the Living God? Will you take that step?

To prepare for next week's message, read 1 Kings 1:1-53.

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