



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Thessalonians 1v1-10 – A Flourishing Church

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GETTING STARTED

Glance through Acts chapter 16-18 and reconstruct Paul's journey which led to the writing of this letter. See also 1 Thess 3v1-5...

Why does Paul begin the letter with thanks and praise? (v1-3)

1) OUR GOSPEL CAME TO YOU... WITH POWER (v4-5)

How does Paul link v4-5? What point is he trying to make?

Talk about the 4 words Paul uses to describe how the gospel arrived in Thessalonica and what each of them look like in practice...

What are the challenges for you today as you think about how the gospel took hold in Thessalonica?

2) YOU WELCOMED THE MESSAGE... WITH JOY (V6-7)

How do we know that the church in Thessalonica really welcomed the message?
Note there's at least 3 reasons in those verses!

Do we see the same evidence in our own lives?

What can you do personally and what can we do as a church to help one another
'Welcome the Word' on a Sunday morning?

3) THE LORDS MESSAGE... RANG OUT FROM YOU (V8-10)

Describe the picture in v8 and how we got there...

Compare v3 with v9-10 as you talk about the realities of faith, love and hope in the
Christian life...

Spend some time praying that our own lives would be transformed by the gospel...

Meditate on the words of Paul below...

***1 Thessalonians 1v5:* ...our gospel came to you, not only with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.**