

Week of April 15, 2018 Discussion for Ohana
Made for Mission: Made to Grow
1 Thessalonians 2: 13-16

SHARE: Any answered prayers from last week in the group.

ICE BREAKER: How did you get your first Bible? Do you still have it?

PRAY asking God to speak to you through His Word.

A. Read 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

1. Why was Paul thankful in verse 13?
2. Why do some people think the Gospel is merely the words of men?
3. What would have convinced the Thessalonians that the missionaries were speaking God's word? (**Read chapter 1:4-6**)
4. **Read 1 Thess. 1: 7-10** What impact did the Holy Spirit have on the Thessalonians and on the spread of the Gospel?
5. How do we know that the Gospel is the word of God?

B. Read 1 Thessalonians 2: 13- 14

1. What did it cost the believers to follow the Lord? (see also 1:6)
2. Who opposed them? Why would this be particularly painful?
3. Do you think our church faces opposition today?

C Read 1 Thessalonians 2: 14-16

1. What four other examples of suffering for the Gospel does Paul remind the Thessalonian believers?
2. How were they imitating Christ?
3. Do you think opposition helped the believers grow?
4. How were they a model for others to imitate (1:7,8)?
5. What is God's response to those who actively prevent others from hearing the Gospel? How is God's mission a battle?

APPLICATION

1. When has opposition to your faith made you grow? How?
2. What opposition to your faith are you facing?
3. Share Scripture passages that have "worked in you" and helped you through difficulty (in stress, opposition, trials, discouragement...)
Write these in the cover of your Bible.

PRAY together

Pray for each other as we imitate Christ in His mission. Pray we will continue to open God's word for His power to be released in us.

Got questions or need help? Call Pastor Jonathan (808) 436-8282