



## 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

### Getting Started

Would your friends describe you as a person that is more “in the know” or more “out of touch”? Why?

#### Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What is the significance of the gospel coming not just in words but also in power and conviction (v. 5)?

Are there any Christians in your life that you imitate as they follow Christ (v. 6)? Explain.

What was it about the Thessalonians’ faith that caused it to ring out in the region? Why is that significant?

What does joy in affliction look like?

What three things do the Thessalonians do when they become Christians? In which of those three areas (turn, serve, and wait) do you sense a need for growth in your own life? What might you do to respond to that?

#### Prayer

Pray for God to put people in each of your lives that you might “follow as they follow Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1).

Pray that God would give you opportunities to be a shining example of genuine faith to those in your life.

Pray for anyone in the midst of affliction that needs encouragement to stand firm and seek joy.

### As you go

What comes to mind when you think about having an “eternal perspective”? When you think about Jesus’ return to the earth, how do you feel? Why? Discuss these things with a trusted friend or spouse this week.

