



1 Thessalonians 1:1

Getting Started

How did those in your life respond when you first started to follow Jesus in a serious way?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What did you learn about the context that Paul is writing this letter into? What are some similarities and differences to the context we live in?

Look at Acts 17:1-15. What stands out to you from the record of how the church at Thessalonica began? Why?

Look at Acts 17:6 where the believers are accused of “turning the world upside down”? Why are they being accused of this? Do you think Paul and his companions would have been offended or blessed by this reputation? Why?

What sort of reputation would you like to have? Be specific. Would you like to be known as a man or woman of prayer, encouragement, service, etc.?

Prayer

Pray for any specific requests anyone has. Praise God for any victories, breakthroughs, or any good thing anyone wants to share.

Lay hands on one another and pray over each one whatever their desired reputation is. For example, if Timmy desires to be a man of wisdom, his group can lay hands on him and pray, “God we bless Timmy to become a man of wisdom, increase his capacity to receive wisdom and give him opportunity to share more of the wisdom you’ve already imparted to him. We speak over him that he is wise and prophecy that he will increase in it in Jesus’ name”.

As you go

Think again about that last discussion question from above. Close your eyes and dream big. Then take a moment to write these desires down and form your own prayer. Ask God to change you on the inside, and give you insight into what you might have to change about life to move toward that reputation. List any scriptures that might coordinate with the desires of your heart.

