

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Getting Started

Who is someone that you are very proud of in your life? Why?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What does it mean for the Word of God to be "at work in you who believe" (v. 13)? How has the Word of God been at work in your life?

What is persecution? Why do you think it was in the face of persecution that the Church grew the fastest throughout history? Have you ever experienced anything like persecution?

What motivated Paul to keep pushing forward? What was the reward he was working for? How is this similar to what parenting should be like?

Paul doesn't hold back his affection for the church of Thessalonica at all. Can you remember a time when someone you respected communicated genuine love for you? What would happen if WE started to model that?

Prayer

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

Pray for the persecuted church across the globe. Pray that God would provide for them, protect them from the schemes of the enemy, and give them strength to stand with integrity and joy.

As you go

Who is one person you could affirm this week by expressing your appreciation for the joy and hope they bring to your life? Do it!

