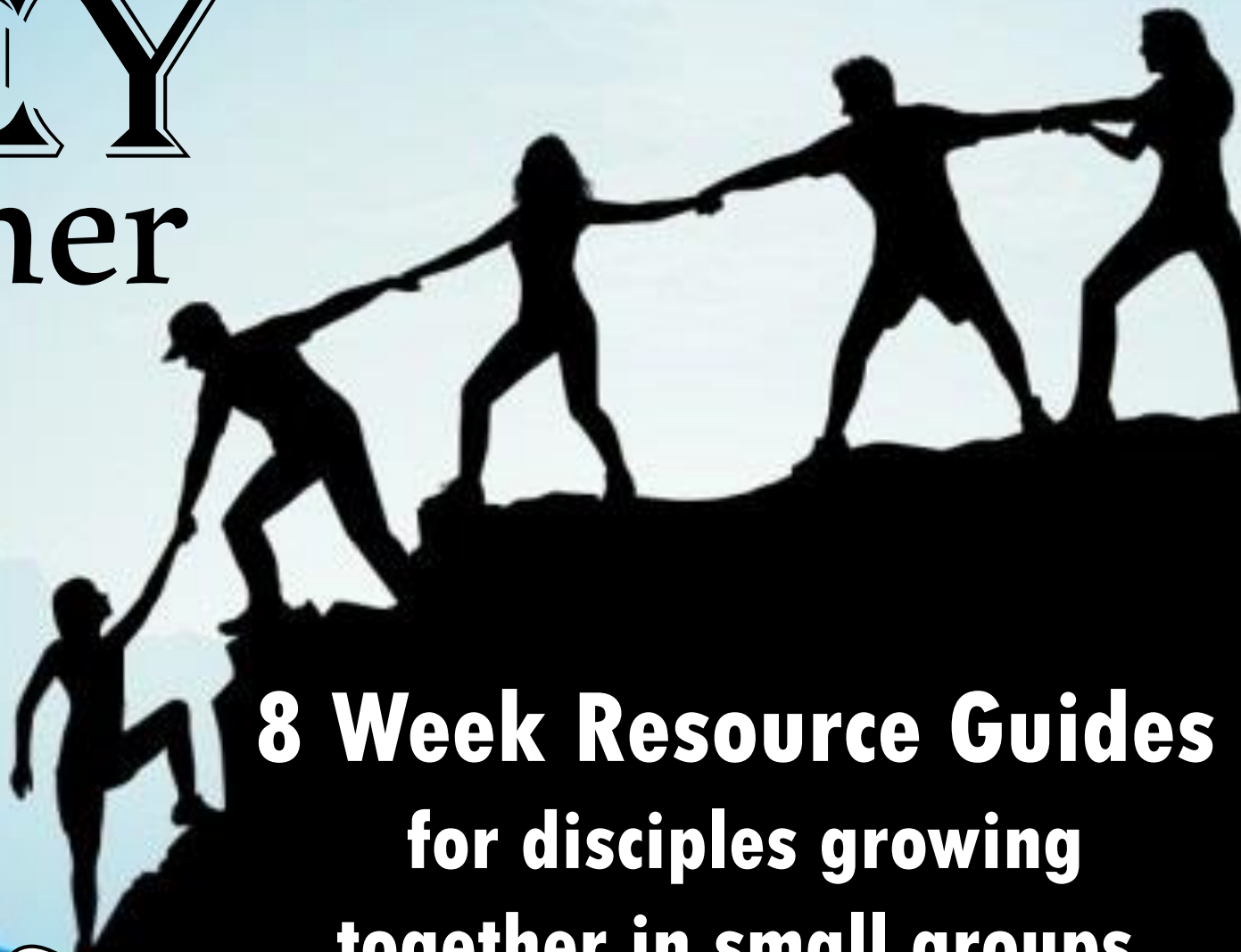



# JOURNEY together



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# *1 Thessalonians*

CHAPTERS 1&2

# Step 1: GET REAL

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**What** are you thankful for from this past week?

**What** struggles did you face this past week?

**What** can you share from recent personal Bible reading or thoughts?

# Step 2: GET FED

## READ 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4, 9-10; 2 PETER 3:12; 1 COR. 1:7

- PAUL CALLS THE THESSALONIANS IN 1:4 “LOVED BY GOD” AND “CHOSEN” BY GOD. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN TO KNOW THEY ARE “LOVED BY GOD” AND “CHOSEN?”
- WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE THEY ARE LOVED BY GOD? WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN US AND HOW WILL BELIEVING THAT IMPACT HOW WE LIVE FOR HIM?
- THE THESSALONIANS “TURNED TO GOD FROM IDOLS.” (V9) WHAT IDOLS DO WE HAVE A HARD TIME TURNING FROM IN OUR CULTURE? WHAT IDOLS DID YOU TURN FROM TO FOLLOW CHRIST?
- THE THESSALONIANS TURNED TO GOD TO “WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM HEAVEN”. (V10) ALONG WITH “WAITING,” HOW CAN WE TRULY “*EAGERLY* WAIT” (1 COR 1:7) FOR CHRIST’S RETURN? WHAT KEEPS US FROM “LOOKING FORWARD” (2 PETER 3:12) TO IT AS WE SHOULD?

## READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

- WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PAUL’S DESCRIPTION OF HOW THEY CAME TO THE THESSALONIANS TO “TELL THEM THE GOSPEL?” WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT WHAT MOTIVES, METHODS AND ATTITUDES WE SHOULD HAVE IN SHARING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST?
- WHY IS GENTLENESS, (2:7-8) CARE, AND RELATIONAL CLOSENESS (V8) IMPORTANT WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL?
- WHAT DOES PAUL, SILVANUS AND TIMOTHY’S EXPERIENCE IN SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THE THESSALONIANS TEACH US ABOUT HOW TO FACE OPPOSITION? (2:2) WHAT OPPOSITION HAVE YOU FACED BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITH?

# Step 3: GET ACTIVE

## SEEK TO SHARE YOUR LIFE AND THE GOSPEL 2:8

- “SO, BEING AFFECTIONATELY DESIROUS OF YOU, WE WERE READY TO SHARE WITH YOU NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL BUT OUR OWN SELVES, BECAUSE YOU HAD BECOME SO DEAR TO US.” 1 THESSALONIANS 2:8
- **THIS WEEK: (1) CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN THE BODY OF CHRIST WHO YOU CAN SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH AND SEEK TO ENCOURAGE THEM.**  
(ESPECIALLY ANY WHO YOU KNOW ARE STRUGGLING, LONELY OR IN NEED.)
- **(2) CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE PERSON OUTSIDE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH, BUILD YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND SHARE THE GOSPEL AND YOUR HOPE OF SALVATION WITH.**