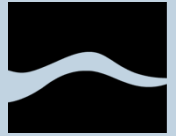


SERMON NOTES

A CHURCH THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED

Acts 17:1-9 / 1 Thessalonians



BIG IDEA: A church fully devoted to Jesus becomes impossible to ignore.

APPLICATION GUIDE

JUNE 14, 2026

DISCUSS

Many churches become known for something: great music, dynamic preaching, a beautiful building, children's programs, missions, traditions, or community involvement. What are some things churches today often want to be known for? How do those priorities compare with what Jesus wants His church to be known for?

EXPLORE

Read Acts 17:1-9. Why did the gospel create such a strong reaction in Thessalonica?

What accusations were made against Paul and the believers, and what do those accusations reveal about the impact they were having?

As you survey 1 Thessalonians, what characteristics made the Thessalonian church stand out among the churches of their day?

According to 1 Thessalonians, what was the source of the church's effectiveness and influence? What did they have that many churches today may be tempted to replace with programs, personalities, or strategies?

APPLY

What evidence of gospel transformation is currently visible in your life that others would notice?

Is there an area of your life where you need the help, encouragement, or accountability of other believers to pursue greater holiness?

If you truly believed Jesus could return at any moment, what would change about the way you spend your time, pray, give, or share the gospel?

COMMIT

This week, what is one step you can take to help make our church impossible to ignore for the right reasons? Choose one: share the gospel with someone, encourage or disciple another believer, serve someone in the church family, take a concrete step toward holiness, or pray daily for someone who needs Christ.