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# Welcome

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**TODAY IS BAPTISM SUNDAY**

**PASTOR MEET & GREET TONIGHT -- 5-7 PM**



**OLD TESTAMENT WITNESS TO CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM**

The new module of the Imperial Valley School of Ministry begins this Tuesday September 27th. Registration / Orientation is at 5 pm class begins at 6:30 pm

**MIDWEEK GATHERING - Q&A THIS WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM**

September 25 - ask the pastors your questions on the CCCIV Mobile APP



**COFFEE IS BACK! COFFEE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 30 • 7-9PM**

Join us in the courtyard for music, games, fellowship, and support a cause!

**SELF-CONFRONTATION COURSE 2-WEEKEND INTENSIVE**

The two-weekend intensive course will cover 6-months' worth of material in just 2 intensive-study weekends 9/30-10/2 & 10/7-10/8.

Books and materials cost is \$35 (E. Sanctuary Basement)



**HOPE OUTREACH OCTOBER 8, IN THE PARKING LOT**

The Hope Outreach featuring Hog Mob Hip Hop concert and Car Show will be held in the CCC Parking Lot with other family friendly fun on October 8th at 5:30 pm

**WOMEN'S BUNCO GAME NIGHT OCTOBER 9 - 6-9 PM**



**IV LIFECENTER FUNDRAISER TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY!**

The IV Life Center Dinner for Life will be on October 21st at 6 pm. Tickets are available in the Visitor's Center today for \$50 or you may sponsor a table of 8.

Save  
the  
DATE

**HARVEST NIGHT CARNIVAL & CAR SHOW 10/26 AT 5:30 PM**

**MEN'S RETREAT IN PINE VALLEY - 10/28 \$160 REGISTER ON THE CCC APP**

**LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY • TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY • TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24) TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT**

**REACH YOUTH GROUP (REACH BASEMENT) & AWANA (FH) • WEDNESDAYS 6:15 PM**

**MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY**

**JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS AT 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**MOMS IN PRAYER • THURSDAYS 6-7 PM • PRESCHOOL ROOM 4**

**BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER**

**KITCHEN WITH A MISSION • FRIDAYS AT 5:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ONGOING**

## **Find the LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS On the CCC APP**

### **Getting to Know You:**

1. Have you ever had people be hostile towards you because of your faith? How did you respond? If you had it to do over, what would you change? Did this experience empower or discourage you from sharing?
2. Reiterate one thing that stood out to you from this week's message in 1 Thessalonians 2.

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 and 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 and compare the hostile atmosphere of the early believers with the hostility we face in America concerning living out the gospel. Read Acts 4:29-34 and share the factors which strengthened the early church. What do you think is persecution's role in the church?
2. Romans 1:16-17 and 1 Thessalonians 2:3-12 then discuss how, if the gospel is the power of salvation, why is it essential that the 'messenger' live out an authentic Christian life. What characteristics did Paul demonstrate for the believers? How might it differ from how we live toward the lost around us?
3. How did Paul view and treat the Thessalonians? Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 11, 19-20. Contrast Paul's actions with the way we view the church today.

### **Taking it Home:**

1. How has your light for Christ shone? Do they see the gospel lived out in you? If not, what can you do differently?
2. What is the atmosphere of your Life Group? In what ways does your Life Group reflect Paul's heart towards the Thessalonians, and what area does your group need to grow?

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-20

## AUTHENTIC

(VS 1)

(VS 2)

(VSS 3-12)

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SCAN TO OPEN OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES>>>





**Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.**

**DAY 1**

### **Read Proverbs 16:20**

When it comes to trust, we need to pay attention to what we know. We know that God loves us. We know that He is perfect and Holy, which means He never messes up. When we put our trust in God, we won't be disappointed because He is completely trustworthy.

Let's practice our focusing skills for just a minute. Puzzles take lots of focus. Your job is to fill in the blanks below. You can only use the numbers 1, 2, 3, or 4 once in each row and column—up and down or left to right. Some numbers have been filled in to get you started.

Focus this week on what you know to be true about God so you can trust Him more and more.

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**DAY 2**

### **Read Proverbs 16:3**

Have you ever followed a plan? Sometimes we make plans that don't work out. Maybe you wake up to find it raining on the day you'd planned to go to the park. Maybe you planned to visit your grandmother but she's sick. Maybe you wanted to spend the afternoon reading a new book but your parents need your help in the yard.

Even when our plans change, God is still in control. The next time you make a plan, stop and ask God for wisdom. Ask God to help you follow Him, then trust Him no matter what happens.

Read Proverbs 16:3 with a trusted adult and discuss the following questions together:

What does this verse say about God?  
 What does this verse say about me?  
 What can I do to trust God more based on this verse?





### DAY 3

#### Read Proverbs 19:21

Do you have a younger brother or sister? Have you ever tried to boss them around? Did they do what you told them to do? Probably not!

Sometimes, we're like a little brother who refuses to listen. We know what God wants us to do but we do the opposite. We should tell the truth but we lie anyway. We should let the other person go first, but we push ahead instead.

When it comes to trust, we need to remember that God has a plan. Ultimately, God wants everyone to know Him. We can all have a relationship with God because of Jesus. We can ask for guidance and for God's plan for our lives.

Do you have a plan for today? What would you like to do? Tell God about your plans for the day and ask for help you make choices that honor God all day long.

### DAY 4

#### Read Psalm 32:8

Write your birthday here: \_\_\_\_\_

God made you on purpose for a purpose. And because of God's love, you can trust the good plans God has for you.

Look up the words from today's verse in the crossword puzzle below. Then place the words from the verse in the blanks below. Spend some time thanking God for making you so special and for the good plans for you.

#### Words to find:

Advice Go Good Guide  
Love Teach Watch Way

A	V	P	X	G	D	P	L	O	M
Q	U	D	A	W	K	L	M	R	D
T	W	O	F	I	E	L	O	V	E
G	U	O	I	E	C	V	O	D	C
P	R	G	U	I	D	E	M	O	N
A	D	V	I	E	C	W	A	T	D
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Y	A	O	V	E	W	A	T	O	C
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W	A	T	C	H	I	K	R	T	W

"I will \_\_\_\_\_ you and \_\_\_\_\_ you the  
\_\_\_\_\_ you should \_\_\_\_\_. I will give you  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over you  
with \_\_\_\_\_." Psalm 32:8

You can trust that  
God has a plan.



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**VOLUNTEER**

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

**WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?**



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