

1 THESS. 1:2-10

“GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 EVIDENCE OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 9-10. What change did the Gospel bring to the people of Thessalonica?
- Read Romans 6:22 and Galatians 5:22-24. Why is spiritual fruit necessary evidence of true Gospel transformation?

#2 EFFECT OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5. Why is the Gospel so powerful (e.g. Romans 1:16), and why does the Gospel alone transform the heart?
- Read Romans 8:9-11. Jesus can resurrect any heart. What does it mean for God to make a spiritually dead heart alive? What are some examples of such a transformation? Share your own story of transformation.

#3 EXAMPLE OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7. What example do Paul, Silas, and Timothy provide for the Thessalonians, and how did the Thessalonians become an example for others?
- Why is it critical for Christians to be a good example of Gospel transformation, and what message does it send when people claim to be Christians but show no evidence of transformation?

#4 EXTENSION OF GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

- Mediate on and discuss 1 Thessalonians 1:8. How far did the Gospel reach through the Thessalonian believers?
- Read Acts 1:8. Why does God say we receive His power in this verse? What does it mean to be His witnesses? What is the modern-day equivalent of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the earth?