

1 THESS. 2:13-16

“SOLA SCRIPTURA”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 GIVE THE WORD

- What “word” did the apostles give the Thessalonians (Acts 17:2-3, 1 Thess. 1:5)?
- What effect did the faithful preaching/teaching of the Scripture have on the Thessalonians?
- Read Hebrew 4:12 and 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4. Why is there no substitute for the Word of God?

#2 HEAR/RECEIVE THE WORD

- Look at 1 Thess. 2:13. The Thessalonians both heard and received the Word. What is the difference between hearing and receiving, and why are both essential?
- Read Matthew 13:15-16. According to these verses, why do some people not hear and receive God’s Word (e.g. Deuteronomy 30:17)?
- The Thessalonians received the Word of God not as the word of men, but as what it truly is, the very Word of God. Why is this so important?

#3 APPLY THE WORD

- Read 1 Thess. 2:13-14. What does it mean that the Word was “at work” in the believers? What effect did hearing and receiving the Word have on the Thessalonians?
- Read 1 Thess. 2:15-16. To reject God’s Word is to reject God. What is the consequence of such rejection?
- What does it mean and why is it essential for Christians to walk in the truth (e.g. Psalm 1:1-6; 86:10-12)?