

Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Topics: Change, Commitment, Devotion, Faith, Persecution, Suffering

Open It

1. Who in your opinion are the best role models for young people?
- * 2. What would it take for someone to make a lasting impression on you?
3. What causes a person to really change his or her attitudes and behavior?

Explore It

4. Who wrote this letter? (1:1)
5. To whom was this letter written? (1:1)
- * 6. What did Paul remember about the Thessalonians? (1:2-3)
7. What made Paul believe God had chosen the Thessalonian believers? (1:4-10)
8. How had Paul presented the gospel to this audience? (1:5-6)
9. How had the Thessalonians responded to the gospel message? (1:6-7)
- * 10. For what kind of faith were the Thessalonians known? (1:6)
11. Whom did the Thessalonians imitate? (1:6)
- * 12. How had the Thessalonians' lives been a model for others? (1:7-10)
13. What changes did the Thessalonians make in their lives when they heard the gospel? (1:9)
14. What were the Thessalonians anticipating? (1:10)

Get It

15. How was the Thessalonians' hope visible for others to see?
- * 16. What characteristics in a person would convince you that he or she was a genuine Christian chosen by God?
17. What convinces people Christianity is true?
- * 18. What is the difference between presenting the gospel with power and deep conviction, and presenting the gospel without it?
19. How are the Thessalonians examples for our daily living?
20. What persecution and suffering can Christians expect when they publicly declare their faith?
21. In what ways do we need to imitate Jesus Christ and other Christians we know?
22. In what visible ways have you been changed by turning away from sin and turning toward God?
23. How can actively waiting for Jesus' return affect our daily attitudes and actions?

Apply It

- * 24. How can you be more of a model to other believers this week?
25. In what way can you present the gospel with power and conviction the next time you share it?