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This is our second week looking at Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica. Last week we read all the way through the letter TWICE and watched a video that helped us see some of the structure and themes in Paul's writing.

We ended last week in silence and reflection. Let's begin this week the same way.

Take five minutes for silence and meditation.

What is the state of your heart right now? Are you distracted? Are you anxious? Jesus invites us to bring all these things to Him and exchange them for the way of peace that is found through following Him.

Quick Recap: What do you remember from reading through the entire letter last week? Did anything leave enough of an impression that you still remember it a week later?

This week we are going to continue our practice of reading the Scriptures out loud together in community. Whenever we read God's Word it is always important to do our best to understand the context of what we are reading. In our case, some of the context for 1 Thessalonians can be found in Acts 17, which is the story of the beginning of the church in Thessalonica.

Read [Acts 17:1-9](#).

Is there anything from that story that connected with what you remember from reading 1 Thessalonians last week?

Read 1 Thessalonians all the way through again. (We know this may feel like overkill after reading it through twice last week, but we want to have a solid foundation and a good understanding of the whole letter before we start diving into specific parts of it.)

Is there anything that you observed while reading this week that you hadn't noticed last week?

Are there any major themes or ideas that appear throughout the letter?

What are the primary things that it seems Paul really wanted the original readers to dwell on?

Next week we are going to start looking more closely at specific chunks of this letter. Let's end this week by asking God to use these first two weeks to really cement the big picture of 1 Thessalonians in our minds and hearts so that we can faithfully engage specific sections in the coming weeks.

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Sunday	1 Thessalonians 1:8-10
Monday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Psalm 119:65-72; Proverbs 25:26-28
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:1-27; Psalm 119:73-80; Proverbs 26:1-3
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1; Psalm 119:81-88; Proverbs 26:4-6
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:2-34; Psalm 119:89-96; Proverbs 26:7-9
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 26:10-12
Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 26:13-15