

CLARITY

discussion guide

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Gospel | The Effect of the Gospel

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BELONG

Who is someone from your childhood or early adult life that you are most thankful for?

Going Deeper: The Apostle Paul first visited Thessalonica during his second missionary journey. Read [Acts 17:1-15](#) to learn more about the challenges faced in that city. What information from this background story affects the way that you read 1 Thessalonians?

GROW

Read [1 Thessalonians 1:1-7](#).

Who are some people today that you are thankful for in the way that they live out their faith? What is it about their spiritual growth that encourages you the most?

Who has modeled for you what it means to follow Jesus? How so? Is there someone you could ask to help mentor you in what it means to follow Jesus (a process that is often called “discipleship”)? Is there someone you could meet with to help them follow Jesus?

Read [verse 3](#) again and notice how Paul observes the efforts put forth in the lives of these people which produce “faith,” “love,” and “hope.” What could we apply from this in our lives?

How has this passage helped you see Jesus more clearly?

What is Paul’s overall tone in the introduction of this letter to the people of the church in Thessalonica? How would [verses 4-7](#) have encouraged the original readers and listeners?

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| Sunday | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7 |
| Monday | 1 Corinthians 1:1-31; Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 25:6-8 |
| Tuesday | 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Psalm 119:17-32; Proverbs 25:9-11 |
| Wednesday | 1 Corinthians 3:1-23; Psalm 119:33-40; Proverbs 25:12-14 |
| Thursday | 1 Corinthians 4:1-5:13; Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 25:15-17 |
| Friday | 1 Corinthians 6:1-7:16; Psalm 119:49-56; Proverbs 25:18-21 |
| Saturday | 1 Corinthians 7:17-40; Psalm 119:57-64; Proverbs 25:22-25 |

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The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a great place to serve your community. Volunteer opportunities include food pantry opportunities, serving a meal, and assisting in the thrift store. This is a great opportunity for a family or a group to serve together here in our own town. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

pray

Pray for our global workers, L and E, that they would rely on the Lord during this time of partnership development.