

CLARITY

discussion guide

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Gospel | The Gospel Has an Opponent

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BELONG

What quotes have people shared with you when times are tough? (Think about parents, coaches/teachers, bosses, friends who have influenced your life...)

How have you seen opposition to the Gospel in your own life? Is there a Bible verse or passage that has been your comfort or strength in times of oppression or spiritual attack?

GROW

Read [1 Thessalonians 2:13-20](#). How did the people in Thessalonica receive the Gospel when Paul explained it to them? Based on Paul's description in verses 13-14, what do you respect most about them?

How can you encourage those around you to stand firm in the midst of trials in this life? Who may need that encouragement now?

What does Paul mean in verse 13 when he says, "the word of God...is at work in you who believe"?

Going Deeper: The Apostle Paul understood what it meant to "hinder" the sharing of the Gospel.

Read [Acts 9:1-19](#) and [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#) to learn more about his background and Jesus' call on Paul's life. How do you suppose Paul's background increased his motivation to overcome challenging circumstances?

How does Paul describe these Thessalonian believers in verses 19-20? How would this have encouraged them? What does this mean for your life as a believer of Jesus?

What is one key take-away for your life from these verses? How has this passage helped you see Jesus more clearly?

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Sunday	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Monday	2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10; Psalm 119:161-176; Proverbs 27:8-10
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13; Psalm 120; Proverbs 27:11-13
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16; Psalm 121; Proverbs 27:14-16
Thursday	2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15; Psalm 122; Proverbs 27:17-19
Friday	2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Psalm 123; Proverbs 27:20-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 11:1-33; Psalm 124; Proverbs 27:24-27

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Potters House

Potters House preschool, called Wet Cement, is in need of a new playground. While away on summer vacation, theirs burned down. To donate to this local organization with the purpose of preparing children for school, click [here](#).

pray

Pray for global workers, L and E, that God will prepare the hearts of the people group they will be working with.