



1 Thessalonians - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 2 – Sunday 12th July 2020: 1 Thessalonians 1.4-10 Authentic & Dynamic

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4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

Read also Acts 2.36-41

1. How do you think Paul and others would know (be able to tell) that the gospel came to them with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction?
2. Do you think the gospel is coming to you (and your small group) with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction? Give God thanks for these signs where evident.
3. What might be the reasons for power-less-ness, Spirit-less-ness and little conviction? Please pray for each other where this is your reality right now.

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5 You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

4. Why would Paul, Silas and Timothy's example amongst them be so valuable as they face suffering at the start of their journey of faith? How might you be a help and support to newer Christians as they begin their faith journey?

Please read 1 Thessalonians 1.7-10 & Romans 10.12-15

5. What makes the Thessalonian church, according to Paul, a good model of authentic and dynamic faith for others to follow?
How does this relate to the story Stuart told about the man who wears the 'Under New Management' tee-shirt?

Thinking Like Missionaries - In many countries in the world, Christian missionaries are restricted from meeting and singing and gathering in larger groupings. They need to be creative. So, how about we also get creative in reaching our friends and neighbours with the Good News and love of Jesus. Let's think and act like missionaries.

We could: share our faith on social media; share our church resources, devotionals and services; invite another person/ family to 'church' or to do 'kids church' or Alpha with us; prayer walk; share our faith story with friends, colleagues or family.

6. What will you do?