



## 1 Thessalonians - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 3 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-2 Purposeful & Costly

### 1 Thessalonians 2.1

*You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.*

1. What is your instinctive reaction when Paul speaks about the 'results' of their visit?
2. Why do you think we are hesitant about speaking of the 'results' of our gospel witness and work for the Lord?

### 1 Thessalonians 3. 5-6

*5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.*

*6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love.*

3. Do you find it comforting that Paul expresses fear that his labours in the Lord might have been in vain?
4. What signs reassured him that his work was not in vain? – Are these the sort of signs that you look for to reassure you that your labour in the Lord is not in vain?

### 1 Thessalonians 2.2

*2 We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.*

5. Please read again Acts 16.19-24 & Acts 17.1-7 What different types of opposition to the gospel of Jesus surfaced in Philippi and Thessalonica? And what lay at the heart of each opposition?
6. Do you think these kinds of opposition exist today?
7. What kinds of opposition have you experienced in your witness about Jesus, and why?
8. '*...with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel.*' What do you think about the idea of a 'daring partnership' with God - '?' Why is it daring?
9. Why is it worth it?