

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Essential: 1 Thessalonians Message Series

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10
for the week of July 12, 2020

1. What are some ways that people “cheat” to change their lives? (For example, an athlete taking steroids). What kind of overall results do such actions accomplish?

Change is part of life – our bodies physically change, our relationships change, our tastes and preferences change over time, etc. For followers of Christ, change is essential if we are to grow in our relationship with God. Let’s examine some of the ways the believers in Thessalonica experienced change as they devoted themselves to God.

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

2. In verses 4-5, what were some of the factors that led to change taking place in the Thessalonians? Why were these important in instigating change?
3. What were key factors for you when you first chose to believe in the message of the gospel?
4. The first believers in Thessalonica modeled their faith after what they saw in Paul, Timothy, and Silas. Why is it important to have people whose faith we can “imitate”?
5. Who are some of the people that you have looked to as examples of faith? What spiritual attributes did you try to imitate from their lives?
6. Are there people in your life that you have invited look to you as a model of faith? (Not out of pride, but in an effort to invest in the spiritual growth of someone else). What are some of the ways that you model your faith to them?
7. What kind of a change in the Thessalonians does Paul describe in verses 9-10? Why is this significant?
8. Is there a former “idol” that you cast aside to worship God? What was it and did it happen immediately or more slowly over time?
9. Are there any idols in your life today that you need to turn away from in order to grow in your worship of God? How can this group pray for you or be of service?

Make sure to spend time in prayer for one another, seeking God’s power to change our hearts to be more like Jesus.



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