

STUDY 2: CHANGED LIVES

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10

DEEP IN THE WORD

Paul and Silas had their time in Thessalonica cut short; and in absence makes the heart grow fonder this is exactly where Paul is at. As he prays for the church his mind drifts to the people and the events.

1. Why is Paul thankful to God?

2. What gives Paul such confidence that the Gospel has truly come to Thessalonica? Be specific.

3. From these verses discuss the relationship between faith and works?

Verses 9 and 10 both describe the profound affect the Gospel has on a person and provide a succinct Gospel summary.

Time for some Gospel fun!

4. Form small groups of 2 or 3. From v.9 and 10 jot down a 3 or 4 point Gospel summary.

5. Now for role play. Staying within the confines of these 2 verses, 1 or 2 play the role of Gospel enquirer (and maybe even devil's advocate, but stick to the text) while the other plays the role of Gospel declarer, again sticking to Paul's Gospel essentials.

DEEP IN PRAYER

Stick within the small groups if helpful and pray for your Gospel contacts; people you are either praying for or would like opportunity to clearly and succinctly explain the Gospel to.

Pray for one another that the Gospel would come to us not only in word, but in power, in the Holy Spirit and full conviction.