

# GRACE GROUP GUIDE WINTER WEEK #4

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### 1-MIN OVERVIEW

1 Thessalonians 2 unpacks themes introduced in 1 Thessalonians 1 (i.e. hope, persecution, living as examples, the return of Christ) from the perspective of the missionary team who brought the gospel to the city. After leaving Thessalonica in a rush after a mob was formed, Paul conveys they weren't like the itinerant philosophers of the day who taught for profit/recognition and then left. Paul reminds them their team worked night and day to share the gospel and their lives with the Thessalonians, whom they loved like dear children.



### WARM UP

1. Paul conveys to the church the work they did in order to bring the gospel to the Thessalonians (2:9). They could have been making tents, performing manual labor, or plying some other trade. What is your calling when it comes to work? Whether working at home, in a school, or for an organization, what are some struggles you experience? What are some beautiful moments?



### KNOW IT

To start, read Acts 17:1-9 to see the origin of the Thessalonian church. Look before and after for context and important details. After this, read 1 Thessalonians 2 together.

1. 1 Thessalonians 2:4 reveals the source of the message that was brought to the Thessalonians. Why does Paul make a point to highlight who gave them the gospel? How does this explain the tenacity of the missionary team (i.e. Paul, Silvanus, Timothy) and their motivation?

2. In 1 Thessalonians 2:13 highlights the reception of the message. Why does the transmission and reception of the good news matter so much to Paul and the team? In other words, where would the Thessalonians be if they didn't accept the gospel and how would their lives be different?



## **SHARE IT** (For Group Leaders to Develop)

*If you're a group leader, please take time before the group meets to consider ways that 1 Thessalonians 1 leads those in your group to share the promises/commands/truths/mission revealed in this section of Scripture. Come up with 1-2 questions that will drive discussion for your specific group for where they are in life (i.e. families, women, men, young adults, etc.). Be sure to consider how this Scripture leads you/them to embrace and share the Gospel (life, death, resurrection, ascension, future return of Jesus).*



## **LIVE IT**

*1. From 1 Thessalonians 2, answer the following sequential questions to find next steps to live it out. These questions build on each other and should be answered based on the Scripture you're in (i.e. what does 1 Thessalonians 2 teach us about who is God, what God did, etc?)*

*Who is God?*

*What did God do?*

*Who are we?*

*What do we do?*

## Suggested Daily Reading and Reflection

**Passages for Next Week:** Day 1: 1 Thess. 2:17-3:5, Day 2: Acts 19:17-22, Day 3: 1 Thess. 3:6-13, Day 4: Philippians 1:3-11

**Memory Verse:** Philippians 4:6-7

**Opening Prayer** *Dear God, open my eyes so I may see wondrous things in your word. (Psalm 119:18). May your Holy Spirit help me to understand and apply it to my life for your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

 **Observe - 1st Reading** Read the passage to get the general flow. What does the passage say? Write 1-2 sentences summarizing key thought(s). Also, write down a verse you think is significant.

 **Digging Deeper - 2nd Reading** Underline action words and repeated phrases. Answer the questions: Who... is the author? are the recipients? are the key people? What events, teachings, commands, promises do you see? Why was the passage written? What problems are addressed?

 **Searching for Gold - 3rd Reading** Write down key words, themes, and observations. Dig for meaning in repeated phrases or theological terms. How does this passage ultimately point to Jesus?

 **Respond** Since God's Word is true, is there something new about God to ponder, commands to obey, promises to claim, sins to avoid, challenges to face, or examples to follow? Pick one of these and spend time writing how this truth can affect the way you think and live.

 **Connect** with God on what you learned. Praise Him for who He is (consider attributes of God revealed in reading). Thank Him for what He's done. Listen to Him. Confess sin. Bring requests to Him.



**Memory Verse** Choose one verse from reading and write it down each day.