

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## I Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Ice Breaker:** Where have you see evidences of God's grace this week?

**Ice Breaker:** What evidence has most convinced that Jesus is the real deal?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Acts 17:1-15.** How did the gospel first come to Thessalonica? What noteworthy about Paul's time in Thessalonica?
2. How does Paul use his greeting to encourage the young church in Thessalonica?
3. How does Paul, Silvanus and Timothy give thanks for the church in Thessalonica? What is the foundation of their thanksgiving? How does Paul know they are chosen by God?
4. What do we learn about transforming work of His gospel from this passage?
5. What does it mean to be converted? What are the necessary elements? In what ways has the gospel shaped your life since your conversion?
6. What does it look like practically to turn from idols to serve the living and true God? What are common idols in today's culture and church? What are our "if only" statements?
7. How does the hope of Jesus return bring about a steadfastness to us in times of trial? What does it look like to wait faithfully for him?
8. How does Jesus deliver us from the wrath to come? How can we be sure that Jesus will deliver us on the Last Day?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to hope in something? What do you hope happens in your life?
2. How does the hope of heaven help us when times are hard?
3. What is going to happen when Jesus comes back? What about heaven most excites you?