

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Thessalonians 2:1-12

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

Ice Breaker: Who is someone you look up to that is bold in faith?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What reasons does Paul have for believing that his visit to Thessalonica was not in vain? (see I Thess. 1:1-10)
2. **Read Acts 16:16-31.** What happened to Paul and Silas in Philippi? Why does he bring up these circumstances in our passage?
3. What does it mean to be bold in God? Where is God calling you to be bold in Him in your life? Who is God calling you to speak boldly about the gospel?
4. How does Paul further defend conduct while he was with them in Thessalonica? Why does he give such a robust defense?
5. What are the essentials of the gospel that we must not waffle on, even in the face of ridicule and persecution?
6. Why do people think Christians can be fake or insincere? How do we fight against this narrative and also make sure we are seeking to please God rather than man?
7. Paul sacrificially shares his life with the Thessalonians like a nursing mother. Why is Paul moved to do this? Why is sharing your life so important to the community of believers?
8. Our conduct is meant to lead people to walk in a manner worthy of God. Where do you personally need the Lord's help to walk in a more worthy manner? Consider asking your Small Group or a close friend to keep you accountable to these areas of your life.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be bold? What does it mean to be bold in God?
2. Why is it important that we seek to please God rather than people?
3. How does the good news of Jesus free us from having to please everyone around us?