
Study Series: 1 Thessalonians

Questions about 1 Thessalonians 1.1—5.28

1. How had the Thessalonians been an example for other Christians in the area around them (1.7-9)? How can Christians today be an example for others?
2. In 2.1-12, Paul describes his work in Thessalonica. What does he say was his motivation for preaching? What does he imply would be wrong motives for preaching the good news?
3. Paul sent his friend Timothy to remind the Thessalonians of the message Paul had first taught them (3.1-6). Why is it important for Christians to be reminded (and to remind one another) often of the message about Christ? Have you had a good teacher tell you the message about Christ? If so, describe this person and how he or she taught this message.
4. What was a special concern for some of the Thessalonians (4.13-15)? What did Paul say to calm their fears?
5. How does Paul suggest the Thessalonian Christians prepare for the Lord's return (5.1-11)? How does he say they should live in the meantime (5.12-22)? Which of Paul's suggestions do you find most challenging right now? Why?
6. Some people consider 1 Thessalonians the "warmest" or "most affectionate" letter Paul wrote to a group of followers. Which of Paul's statements do you find the most encouraging? Why? Is there someone in your family, school, place of employment, or church who needs encouragement? What can you say to that person this week that will encourage them?