

groups

Study Group: Participant Guide
1 Thessalonians 1 – September 28th – October 4th

CHECK-IN

An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.

STUDY

Main Topics: The Gospel, Obedience, Example

Read 1 Thessalonians 1

- In what ways have we seen the church of Thessalonica set an example for other churches around them?
- Why is it essential for us to believe that God is a trinity?
- Why is Paul constantly praying?
- What is the relationship between faith and works in the Christian life?
- What does it mean for the gospel to come "in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction"?
 - Why is it crucial for the gospel to come with these three characteristics?
- What can we learn from verses 6-8 through the Thessalonians' imitation and the results that has on others?

APPLY

- What comforts you in this passage? What convicts you in this passage?
- What keeps you from desiring to pray?
- Pastor Bill said, "Following Christ is not a solo event." When have you tried to follow Christ without community?
 - How can you demonstrate to others the importance of having authentic community in your church?
- What would it look like for our church to set an example for others?
- How can you labor in love with relationships you have in our church?
- How has someone else's obedience inspired or convicted you?
- Take some time to reflect on the example you set for others by asking this question: If somebody modeled their life after yours, would they look like Jesus?
- What are some idols that you have a hard time letting go of?
 - How can we help as you seek to pursue God and forsake those idols?
- What did Pastor Bill say is the key to making all of this happen?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?