



Study Group: Participant Guide
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 – October 5th - 11th

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: *Sharing the Gospel, Family, Boldness*

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

- Why wasn't it in vain that Paul and his companions came to the Thessalonians?
- Paul said he had "boldness in our God". What does it look like to have boldness in God instead of having boldness in *ourselves*?
- Cameron said Paul had boldness in God because he relied on the truths of God. Why could Paul have boldness in these truths? Can we also have boldness today?
- What is the significance of being "entrusted with the Gospel"? (see Leader Notes)
- Paul said he was like a mother and a father to the Thessalonians. None of them were his biological children. What can we learn from this?
- Why is it important to see this sobering reminder of God's wrath in verses 14-16?

APPLY

- What fears do you typically experience around sharing the Gospel?
- How does Scripture speak against the fears we experience while sharing the Gospel? (see Leader Notes)
- How do Christians grow apathetic towards nonbelievers?
 - What is one thing can you do this week to gain a greater burden for nonbelievers?
- Cameron said that the Gospel knits together those who are in Christ even when they come from very different cultures. How have you seen this throughout Scripture or in your own life?
- How has God been gentle, encouraging, or exhorting to you?
- Paul commends the Thessalonians for submitting to God's word as authoritative in their lives. Where are you tempted to see God's word as suggestive instead of authoritative?
- Take some time to reflect and ask yourself this question, "What stronghold of sin is keeping you from sharing about Jesus with others?" (see Leader Notes)

CLOSE

Which have we learned about God through this week's passage? How should it change the way that we pray, think, speak or act this week?