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STUDY GUIDE

Week 3

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

This Week: Apply 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Pray that Jesus would help you believe and grow.

- 1) Paul says that they had boldness to share even though they had been treated badly for sharing God's word (1 Thess 2:2). Does hardship make you hesitate to share your hope in Jesus?
- 2) Serving others should spring from feeling loved and sent by God (1 Thess. 2:3-6). When are you most tempted to forget this and take from others? How can you remind yourself of your gospel-identity?
- 3) Their ministry was like gently feeding a baby. How can faith in Jesus make us both bold (v.2) and gentle (v.7)?

Whom do you need to continue to pray for and share truth with?

Suggested Bible Study Habits:

- 1) **PRAY** the Holy Spirit will teach you and change you.
- 2) **OBSERVE** the text. Read it and re-read it. Answer who, what, when, where, why, and how questions of the passage. Is there a structure? What is the context?
- 3) **INTERPRET** what it says about God or the condition of mankind. Is there any mention of grace? Is our need of it implied? Are there any cross references to consider? Why was this portion written? How do other portions of scripture help to interpret this one? What do gifted teachers say about this text? How can I understand this passage in a way that makes more of Jesus?
- 4) **APPLY** the scripture to daily life. Are there any commands to obey, examples to follow, or promises to trust? Does the passage expose any error in my beliefs or behavior? How does the text lead me to interact with others? What is the passage calling me to do?

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