

DOING LIFE TOGETHER



9. What can we learn from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 about an appropriate way to share our story of God's story (the Gospel) and what that kind of 'witnessing' (Acts 1:8) looks like?

10. When sharing the gospel, why is it important to demonstrate how the gospel was and is good news to us personally? How might our witness to and relationships with non-Christians suffer if we neglect to do so?

11. Our fourth practice of a disciple at Okotoks is "sharing our story of God's story." Ask those who are comfortable doing so to share their story of God's story and how the gospel was and is good news to them.

Prayer Requests

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Knowledge is Not Enough

Sermon Notes

Romans 2:17-29

The People of the Covenant . . . _____

1. Covenant Privileges made them A _____ v. 17-20

2. Covenant H _____ made them L _____ v. 21-24

3. Covenant Breaking made them worthy of G ___ W _____ v. 25-27

4. Covenant R _____ make us H _____ v. 28-29

Knowledge saves N ___ O _____, G _____ does

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What is the best news a family member or friend shared with you recently? What made it so good in their eyes?
2. Are you always happy for other people when they share good news with you? Why or why not?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12.

3. Focusing on verses 7-12, what do these verses tell us about Paul's ministry in Thessalonica and his relationship with the believers there? What can we learn from his example in terms of how we share the good news about Jesus?
4. What does the imagery of the nursing mother communicate? What does gentleness look like within the context of sharing the gospel? Why is this trait important for us to exhibit as we share Christ with others?

5. Other than the gospel, what else did Paul share with the Thessalonians (v. 8)? How might we make room for more lost people in our day to day life? What might our church look like if we made unchurched people welcome?

6. On Sunday George said, "When we share the Good News without sharing how good it was for us to personally hear it, we put ourselves on the teacher's pedestal rather than the pilgrim's path." What did he mean by that? In his ministry among the Thessalonians, how did Paul demonstrate that the gospel was good news to him?

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-16.

7. According to these verses, what was the result of Paul's preaching and example among the Thessalonians?
8. When the Thessalonians heard the gospel preached, they received it as it really is "the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe" (v. 13). What's wrong with thinking of the gospel merely as a message that you heard one time and accepted? Why is it important to remember that the gospel "is at work in all who believe"?