



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

I Thessalonians 1:2-3 A Gospel Church

1. **“The gospel isn’t just words—it does something to us.”**

Where have you seen the gospel genuinely *do something* in your life, either recently or in the past? Where might it still be mostly words rather than power?

2. Paul thanks God for the Thessalonians because of what the gospel produced *against all odds*.

What “odds” or pressures—internal or external—make it hard for your faith to grow right now? How does this story challenge your expectations of what God can do in hard circumstances?

3. **Faith that works:**

In what ways does your faith shape how you approach your daily work—your job, studies, parenting, or responsibilities? Where do you struggle to see your work as meaningful worship or mission?

4. **Love that labours:**

Who is currently difficult for you to love? What might it look like to practice *gospel-shaped love*—patient, sacrificial, enduring—toward that person this week?

5. **Hope that endures:**

When life feels heavy or uncertain, what are you most tempted to place your hope in for escape or relief? How is gospel hope—renewal, not escape—different from those alternatives?

6. The sermon uses the image of Jesus turning “dumpster fires into holy fires.”

Where in your life do you most need Jesus to bring renewal or reignite hope right now? What might it look like to open that area to him?

7. Jesus is described as “knocking on the door” in the present moment.
What might Jesus be inviting you to respond to today—repentance, trust, courage, endurance, or obedience? What is one concrete step you can take this week in response?