



# MISSION CREEK

## Alliance Church

### I Thessalonians 2:1-16 Pressing On

1. “**Living a life worthy of God**” was described as living in balance with what God has already given us in Christ. Where do you find yourself slipping into a mindset of *trying to earn* God’s approval rather than *responding* to His grace?
2. Paul uses parental images—both a **nurturing mother** and an **encouraging father**—to describe his ministry. Which of these aspects do you most need from Christian community right now, and which do you sense God calling you to offer to others?
3. The sermon highlighted the difference between **receiving** the Word of God and **accepting** it (integrating it into daily life). What are some practical signs that Scripture is moving from being “received” to being truly “accepted” in your life?
4. In a culture filled with competing voices and opinions, what currently shapes your thinking more than Scripture? What would it look like to more intentionally submit those influences to the authority of God’s Word?
5. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that living a life worthy of God is often **countercultural** and may involve suffering. Where do you feel pressure—subtle or obvious—to compromise your faith, and how have you responded so far?
6. The Thessalonian believers endured hardship because they were confident in the **future hope** of God’s kingdom and glory. How does your view of the future affect how you handle present difficulties, disappointments, or fears?
7. The sermon emphasized that transformation is evidence of the gospel at work. Looking back over the past year, where have you seen genuine change

in your attitudes, desires, or actions that point to God's work in you—and where are you still asking Him to grow you?