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1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"

Session 4

1 Thessalonians 2:8-12

"The value of the gospel"

What value do you put on the gospel, or on the people who need to hear its message? Is it reflected in more than just what you say? Paul showed how rich, how important the message of the gospel was to him, and how he valued the lives of those in Thessalonica by what he was willing to do and to sacrifice in order that they would be open to receive it, and to respond to it in a way that matched the glory of the message itself. Paul believed the gospel to be so priceless that everyone needed to hear it at whatever cost to himself. As you study this passage, observe all that Paul was willing to go through, and all the ways he "spoke" the gospel, and let it inspire you to greater heights in God's call to "go into all the world."

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:8

What was Paul willing to "impart" as part of bringing the gospel message to the Thessalonians? Did he do it grudgingly? What was his attitude in doing so? What was his reasoning behind doing what he did?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:9; Acts 18:3

How did Paul show that his care for them was more than just talk? As you read the two verses above, what does it tell you Paul was careful to do in not being a "burden" to either the Thessalonians or the gospel?

Scripture: Ephesians 3:8; Colossians 1:27

How does Paul describe what he obviously sees as the heart of the gospel message, which is Jesus Christ; and how does it reveal why he would go to any means to share it?

Scripture: Romans 1:16

What does it say when we are willing to go anywhere and do anything to get the gospel to a lost world? Why is it so important that we do so?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-11

What was the other way besides using words that Paul imparted the gospel to the Thessalonians? How do these verses describe the way he did that? How does Paul describe the feelings that drove those actions?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:12

What was Paul's goal for them in showing the value of the gospel message by his words, his "labor and toil," and his behavior or conduct?

Group Discussion:

How do Paul's actions convict you in terms of sharing the gospel? Do you think you put the same value on it as he does? If not, how can you change that? What example does Paul set in his actions towards people in this passage that you feel is worth imitating? How could you imitate those things in your everyday life, in a practical sense, as part of sharing the gospel?

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us."

1 Thessalonians 2:8