



“Let’s Let the Word Resound”
I Thessalonians 1:8-10
August 15th, 2021

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What’s the loudest thunderstorm you can remember being a part of?

QUICK REVIEW

The Thessalonian family of believers was a model church. Paul pointed to them as exemplary for all the churches of Macedonia. He boasted about this church all over the place. Even in their suffering, they were spreading the Gospel and serving the churches of their region. Their stand in the Gospel and their ministry of outreach was all the more attention grabbing when considering the “free city” status of Thessalonica. This standing was achieved and maintained by devotion to Caesar and the Imperial Cult. Yet, their bold faith in Christ alone resounded and encouraged churches everywhere.

Read I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Five Aspects of a Resounding Testimony

1. There is humble _____ (v.9)
2. There is active _____ (v.9)
3. There is living _____ (v.10)
4. There is a risen _____ (v.10)
5. There is a glorious _____ (v.10)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The Thessalonians faced pressure in their context because of their refusal to worship Caesar. How do Christians today go against the grain of popular opinion?
2. The Thessalonians repented of idolatry. In what ways do you feel the ongoing pull of false gods? Of treasuring created things above the Creator? What does repentance look like?
3. Paul rejoiced to see the Thessalonians serving God and blessing the churches of the region with the labor of love. How do you see Bethel Grace serving in Jesus' name? What outreaches encourage you? How do you see other churches serving the Lord in inspiring ways?
4. The Thessalonians were awaiting the full measure of their salvation at the return of Jesus Christ. We have been saved from the condemnation of sin. We are being saved from the power of sin. We will be saved from any presence of sin whatsoever. How do these passages give you the full scope of Jesus saving grace?

Ephesians 2:8-10

Romans 6:5-10

I John 3:1-3