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BOOK: 1 Thessalonians 1-2

Context: Acts 17:1-19

Opening Questions:

- a. Is there a city or country that you would like to visit a second time?
- b. How do you encourage other people who may be going through a tough time?
- c. Have you ever encountered someone who became a believer after previously identifying as an atheist or agnostic? Describe the experience.

Acts Chapter 17:1-15

1. What was Paul preaching to the Thessalonians?
2. How was his message received?
3. Who were the people who were persuaded by Paul's teaching? Is there anything significant about this group?
4. What is the "trouble" Paul is accused of causing?
5. Why would Paul's teachings cause so much of a threat?
6. If you were Jason, how would you feel about this turn of events? Regret? Honor?
7. Compare the Bereans response to Paul's teaching versus the Thessalonians (verses 11-12). What do you think motivates their responses to the Gospel?
8. If you were sharing the Gospel to different groups of people, what would be your approach?

9. How would you view your mission if you were Paul?

10. Who do you see yourself more like, the early Thessalonians or the Bereans?

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1-2

1. Who are Thomas and Silvanus? (*Acts 16:1-3, 2 Tim. 1:5, Acts 15:22, 32, 40-41*)
2. How did Paul end up in Thessalonica a second time? Why were Thomas and Silvanus with him on this journey? (*Acts 15:36-40*)
3. How do you think the Thessalonian church has fared since Paul's last visit? What issues may they have encountered?
2. What is the evidence that the Thessalonian converts were "chosen" by God?
3. How did the Thessalonians first become imitators of and then models for the faith? What does this look like practically?
4. In an age without mass media, how did the Thessalonians faith become so well known?
5. How challenging would it have been for the Thessalonians to turn away from idols?
6. How would Paul's reference to the "coming wrath" be received today? What is he referring to?