



into
LIFE
Study guide



1 Thessalonians 2:1 - 16

For Individuals and Life Groups

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Introduction:

How does eternity influence how we live our lives today? How does the future impact the present? Join us for a six week study of Paul's first letter to followers of Jesus in the ancient Greek city of Thessalonica, and discover how we can "encourage one another" in the midst of challenging times.

Paul, Silas and Timothy writing from the city of Corinth sent a letter to the church in Thessalonica. Thessalonica, a city of around 200,000 was an important city in the Roman Empire. It was a hub for trade routes and held merchants from many different ethnic backgrounds.

Into the scriptures



Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Describe the way Paul lived when he was with the Thessalonians.

How did the Thessalonians respond to the message of the gospel?

How is the Word of God described in this passage?



Into my life



What does it look like to, “live a life worthy of God?”

What effect should the word of God have on us if we believe that it was written by God and not just humans (yes it was penned by flawed men who we believe were inspired by God).

Paul describes the way that they cared for the church in Thessalonica. What are the characteristics of a God mother and father? How have you been cared for that way by other Christians? How have you cared for other Christians?.

How will I be different this week because of what I’ve just read?



Into the world



Who are the people in your life right now that need to be cared for with the love of Christ? Why? What can you or your group do to help in this? (Pray for each other in this)



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From 1 Thessalonians my challenge this week is to:



More Resources for personal and group use:



<https://bible.org/seriespage/13-1-thessalonians-introduction-outline-and-argument>



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