

# Transformed By The Truth

Questions for Life Groups and Personal Reflection

## Why does the gospel fail?

In 1 Thessalonians 2:1, Paul states that "our visit was not a failure." Read 2:1-16 and identify as many factors that made the gospel a successful endeavor in Thessalonica. Based on your findings, which of these could you apply to be more effective in sharing the gospel? If you're not a Christian, would any of these factors contribute to you becoming one?

## Right thing/wrong reason?

Paul was accused of sharing the gospel with an impure motive. What wrong motives are identified in 2:1-16? Is it possible for a messenger of the gospel today to have similar impure motives? Why/what? In your opinion, what are some of the "gospel turn-offs" of our time? Are there any evangelistic styles that bug you? If so, what are they? And, how do you feel about being bugged about how someone shares the gospel?

## Christian leadership 101.

Make list of all the characteristics of faithful Christian leadership you find in 1 Thessalonians chapter 2. (A staff project last week) Which would you like to see more developed in your life? Who has been a godly influence on you? How so? How can you emulate those qualities for someone else?

## Standing in adversity.

In 2:2 Paul refers to the opposition they faced at Philippi. What exactly happened? (Acts 16:12-40) What principles of how to face adversity can you see in these verses? What does opposition to the gospel look like today? How critical to the gospel is it that we face adversity well? Are you up for it?

## Who's your daddy? Who's your momma?

Paul states that he and his team were sometimes like a nursing mother, sometimes like a father? (2.7 & 11-12) What was he trying to express by using such different terms? How are they different? And, how can we know when to be like a mother, or like a father?

# Notoriety

1 Thessalonians



what will we be known for?

## Gospel 101 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Avoiding empty-handed effort takes:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.2-6)

With the \_\_\_\_\_

Like a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.7)

Like a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.11-12)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ (13-16)

