

WEEK 1- GETTING STARTED

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1. REAL CHRISTIANITY PRODUCES REAL EVIDENCE
2. REAL CHANGE COMES FROM THE GOSPEL
3. THE GOSPEL REQUIRES A REAL RESPONSE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **ICEBREAKER:** This week we started a new series called “Unfinished”. Regardless of where you are in life, we all have two things in common. **1)** None of us have finished yet and **2)** all of us want to finish well. How would you describe your ability to finish things that you start? Why do you think it’s so important to finish well?
2. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
3. The first main idea this week was that “Real Christianity Produces Real Evidence”. What comes to your mind when you think about what a Christian is supposed to look like? What is the evidence that Paul points to in 1 Thessalonians 1:3?
4. The second main idea this week was that “Real Change Comes from the Gospel”. How does the gospel bring change? How has it brought change into specific areas of your life (work, finances, family, conflict, etc.)? Where would you like to see more change in your life?
5. This week, Pastor Ryan talked about the idea that we all worship something. We are all counting on something to “save” us. In other words, we are all looking for something to help us compensate for our shortcomings. The only choice we get is what we worship. What do you find yourself “worshiping” or chasing after in order to justify your existence?
6. What are some ways that Jesus is different than anything else we can try to worship?
7. The final main idea this week was that “The Gospel Requires a Real Response”. The Thessalonians responded to the message of Jesus by turning from their “idols” and turning to God. This idea of “turning from idols” is as much a one-time event as it is an ongoing process in our lives. What do you think this “turning” might look like in your own life?