

WEEK 3- HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

1. THE GOSPEL CREATES CHANGE
2. THE GOSPEL CHANGES HOW WE RESPOND TO SUFFERING
3. THE GOSPEL CHANGES HOW WE RELATE TO EACH OTHER
4. THE GOSPEL CHANGES HOW WE DEFINE SUCCESS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message was all about how the gospel changes us. So often when we try to create change in our lives it ends up only being surface-level and temporary. Can you think of an example of a change you made that initially seemed to be working but then you ended up reverting back to your old ways? Why do you think it is so difficult for us to maintain the changes we make?
3. The relational depth that Paul had with the people of Thessalonica shows us that the gospel changes how we relate to each other. What are some simple, practical ways that we can make it a group effort to build these types of relationships with each other in our small-group so that none of us have to go through life alone?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "The Gospel Changes How We Define Success". How was success defined in the house you grew up in? How has that impacted the way you view success today? How can the gospel change the way we view success?
5. Paul called the Thessalonians his "crown of boasting". This is basically the equivalent of a gold medal or a super bowl ring. In other words, Paul defined success as seeing people's lives be totally changed by Jesus the way his life was changed by Jesus. What are some ways your day to day actions might change if you defined success the same way Paul did?
6. It can be pretty uncomfortable in our culture to talk about God's wrath. What comes to your mind when you think of the idea of "God's wrath"? Did the message this week help shape your understanding of God's wrath in any way? If so, how?
7. The gospel doesn't change us automatically when we hear it. To truly be changed we must respond like the Thessalonians and welcome Jesus into our lives as our Lord. Take some time to consider your relationship with Jesus. What are some areas of your life where you are currently treating Jesus as your Lord? What are some areas of your life where you are currently treating Jesus as your assistant?