



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the Gospel?

What are some of the activities that faith produces in our lives (*"work of faith,"* v. 3)?

What are some of the extreme efforts that love will produce in our lives (*"labor of love"*)?

How does our hope in Christ fuel endurance through hard times in our lives (*"patience of hope"*)?

Is there anything we can do so that our Gospel conversations will not be merely words, but will be empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:4-12 for a description of what Paul meant by *"what kind of men we were among you for your sake"* (1:5). What do you think the Thessalonians' view of Paul and Silas was when they first met them? What did the Thessalonians think of them when they were forced to flee the city a short time later? How can we engage with unbelievers around us so that we can be this *"kind of men"* among them? What are some ways our lives might hurt our witness? Enhance our witness?

What are some practical steps we can take to see the power of the Gospel in our lives, our church, our relationships with unbelievers right now?

1. _____ of the Power of the Gospel (2-4)

- Faith-directed _____
- Love-borne _____
- Hope-fueled _____

2. _____ of the Power of the Gospel (5)

- The _____ of _____
- The _____ in the _____
- Life-on-life _____