

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 16, 2022

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Memory Passage: 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Thess. 1:1-10.** Our text this week is 2:1-12, which begins with “For.” This reminds us to practice sound hermeneutical principles by examining 1:10, so we can keep our passage in context. As you read, observe the structure of the text and take note of active verbs, main ideas, repeated words or phrases, people mentioned, commands given, mood, etc.

(b) How does the conjunction “For” connect 1:1-10 with 2:1ff?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Thess. 2:1-12.** As you read, observe and take note of the same ideas you did yesterday when reading 1:1-10.

(b) Why might Paul so often remind his readers of what they already know (cf. 1:5; 2:1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11; 3:2, 4; 4:2, 4)?

(c) What suffering and shameful treatment (v. 2) had Paul already endured at Philippi (cf. Acts 16:16-24, 35-39), and why does he mention it?

(d) What three things does Paul’s appeal not come from (v. 3), and how does he specifically counter each one (v. 4)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Thess. 2:1-12.** How does the “For,” which begins v. 5, connect what follows with what precedes?

(b) Explain the three characteristics that were *not* marks of Paul’s gospel ministry among the Thessalonians (vs. 5-6).

(c) Explain the first family metaphor Paul uses (vs. 7-10) to describe his gospel ministry to the Thessalonians.

(d) Explain the second family metaphor Paul uses (vs. 11-12) to describe his gospel ministry to the Thessalonians.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Thess. 2:1-12.** Read 2:1-12 several times today. As you read, identify and record each aspect/characteristic of Paul’s gospel ministry. Don’t neglect to identify what his ministry is not, as well as what it is, and outward signs as well as inward attitudes and motives (which may be recognized outwardly as well). I’ve asked you to read the passage several times because there are many aspects/characteristics to identify, some of which you may miss on the first or second reading.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Thess. 2:1-12.** For each aspect/characteristic you listed yesterday, write at least one, preferably more than one, personal application as you live on mission for God with the gospel. Be specific! For instance, how will you declare the gospel of God boldly (v. 2)? In what ways are you more concerned about pleasing men than pleasing God? As you think through these applications, you might realize there are thoughts and/or activities you must either begin or stop in order to become more obedient in ministry. When the Holy Spirit reveals these things, spend time in prayer repenting where needed, and ask God to grant you greater strength, courage, power, and wisdom to be more faithful while on mission for Him.

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