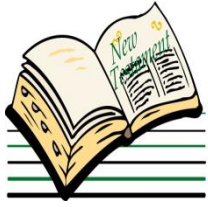


Sermon Notes



Title: "Praying for the Spread of the Gospel"

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Theme: Pray for the Gospel to advance because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. You can never move beyond the Gospel because the Gospel tells you that everything good you have in life is all a gift of God's grace.

I. _____ for Prayer (1-2)

A. The _____ of God's _____ (1)

B. _____ for Paul's Team (2)

II. _____ and Affirmation Along with More Prayer (3-5)

A. The Lord will _____ Them (3)

B. _____ in Their Faithfulness (4)

C. Prayer for Continued _____ (5)

IV. Applications

A. Our prayers should have the _____ of the Gospel as a _____.

B. The Church must _____ the message of the Gospel from _____ through _____, neglect and other ways of _____ it down.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. For what two matters does Paul request prayer (vv. 1-2)?
2. What specifically does Paul ask regarding the “word of the Lord” (v. 1)?
3. How did the Thessalonians receive the Gospel (see 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:13)?
4. From whom did Paul request the Thessalonian Christians pray that he and his colleagues might be delivered (v. 2a)?
5. How does Paul describe these people (v. 2b)?
6. Why could the Thessalonian believers be encouraged (v. 3)?
7. In what did Paul have confidence in these Christians (v. 4)?
8. For what did Paul pray regarding this church (v. 5)?
9. How important is prayer in your life?
10. What do you find yourself praying for most often?
11. How can our congregation make the spread of the Gospel a top priority?
12. What specific things can you pray about for your family, your community, and your church as you pray for the spread of the Gospel?
13. How is the Gospel of Christ honored?
14. What is the Gospel?
15. How is the Gospel distorted? How can you guard against distorting the Gospel?