

# 1 Thessalonians

## Week 1

**Text:** 1 Thessalonians 1, Luke 9:23-24, 2 Corinthians 13: 5

### Topic:

**Big Idea of the Text:** The church of Thessalonica is an example to us of an authentic community that was made up of transformed lives that modeled truth. They were visible, transparent, real, and they lived out their faith in a way that caused people to want to know more about why the change had taken place.

**Application Point:** Our lives should be radically changed by the gospel. This is where the line between comfort and calling is drawn. We need to be willing to cross that line to do what we have been chosen for as we seek to make the truth of the gospel known.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Read 1 Thes 1 Paul begins this letter to the Thessalonians with affirmation of their strong faith and reputation. If Paul were to write a letter to you, what words of affirmation would he be able to use to describe your faith and reputation?
3. Read Luke 9:23-24 Has your life been radically changed by the gospel? How? If not, why?
4. Read 2 Cor. 13:5 What changes do you need to make in order for your life to reflect what it means to live a life that has been transformed?
5. Spend time in prayer this week just listening for God to speak to your heart about the calling he has on your life. Journal each day what you are hearing.
6. How can we pray for you?