

Sermon Discussion Questions for September 8, 2019

Transformed – I Thessalonians 1:1-10

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. How does Paul describe the Thessalonian church in verses 3-4? Where do the Thessalonians derive their strength?
 3. In verse 6, Paul describes the condition of the Thessalonians. What was their condition? Also see 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.
 4. Pastor Andrew focused on three aspects of being transformed follower of Christ. What was the first aspect? (You believe the truth of the gospel). Do you believe the gospel? What are the key elements of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
 5. What was the second aspect? (Experience the power of the gospel). See verse 5. Is intellectual understanding of the gospel enough? What about life transformation and the experience of new life in Christ? How does this play out in our daily living? Are you continually experiencing the power of the gospel in your life? If not, what is hindering you? See question 6.
 6. What was the last aspect of being a transformed follower of Christ? (You find your identity in the hope of the gospel). See verses 9-10. An idol is anything you place before God. What are the idols in your life? Where do you place your hope? (another person, child, good looks, job, talent, etc.). Only Jesus can rescue you and give you eternal hope.
 7. What was the influence of the Thessalonian church on their geographic region? Is your faith evident to your immediate family? your co-workers? Your community? How will you place God above any and every other influence in your life and experience His power?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

