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l. _____ with others thankfully, prayerfully,
and worshipfully. (1-3)

II. _____ the life-altering, glorious Good News
of Jesus. (4)

III. _____ salvation as a powerful work involving Father, Son, Spirit, proclaimer, and receiver. (5)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Partner with others thankfully, prayerfully, and worshipfully; Celebrate the life-altering, glorious Good News of Jesus; See salvation as a powerful work involving Father, Son, Spirit, proclaimer, and receiver.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 and answer the following questions:

1. According to verse 1, who wrote this letter to the Thessalonian church? From 2 Timothy 3:16, who also played a role in the writing of the letter?
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2. According to verse 2, how did the writers stay invested in the ministry even from afar? What obstacles do you think sometimes prevent us from making this a significant part of our ministry to one other?
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3. Please define each of the following phrases found in verse 3. How are they similar? How are they different?

- a. Work of faith (in the Lord Jesus Christ)

- b. Labor of love (in the Lord Jesus Christ)

- c. Steadfastness of hope (in our Lord Jesus Christ)

4. According to verse 5, what proof did the writers give that the people were chosen and loved by God?
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5. Please explain the importance of each of the ways the gospel needs to be received:

- a. In power

b. In the Holy Spirit

c. With full conviction (assurance)

6. Which of those things (in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction) are God's responsibility and which are our responsibility?

7. How is receiving the gospel "only in word" missing what we need for salvation?

8. What do you see in this passage that inspires your worship and obedience to the Lord?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

What is one thing from this passage that you will apply to your life—in your actions, thoughts, or desires—to better center your worship on the Lord?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, August 24 // John 15:12-17
Chosen to Bear Abiding Fruit

Tuesday, August 25 // Philippians 1:1-11
Partner in Prayer

Wednesday, August 26 // Philippians 1:12-21
To Live is Christ

Thursday, August 27 // 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Understand What the Spirit Gives Us

Friday, August 28 // 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10
Living Examples