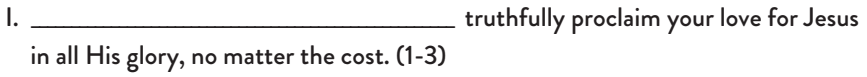


HUMBLE PURPOSE
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
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II. _____ seek to please God, not man. (4-6)

III. _____ and compassionately invite others to follow Jesus with you. (7-8)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Boldly, truthfully proclaim your love for Jesus in all His glory, no matter the cost; Humbly seek to please God, not man; Gently and compassionately invite others to follow Jesus with you.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 and answer the following questions:

1. In verse 1, Paul states that their coming was not in vain (meaningless). This is a summary of the impact seen in chapter 1. From 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8, what are some of the fruitful results of their coming?

2. Please read Acts 16:16-24 and explain the shameful treatment Paul and others had received at Philippi. What does their boldness in spite of their suffering tell you about the authenticity of their faith?

3. Please read verses 4-7. How did Paul's actions show that his purpose was to please God and not man? How does a person seeking to please man instead of God behave differently?

4. Please use the following verses to explain why God tests our hearts:

- a. Psalm 26:2

- b. Jeremiah 17:10

c. James 1:2

d. 1 Peter 1:6-7

5. According to John 12:42-43, what is one way that seeking the glory of man might impact your walk with the Lord?

6. According to verses 7-8, what are a few descriptions of someone truly ministering to others? How might someone look like that on the outside, but still be making it about themselves internally?

7. How do you see Jesus and the gospel exemplified in this passage?

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, September 7 // 2 Corinthians 4:1-10
Treasure Jesus Above All

Tuesday, September 8 // 2 Corinthians 4:11-18
Do Not Lose Heart

Wednesday, September 9 // Philippians 3:1-11
All Loss for Bigger Gain

Thursday, September 10 // Philippians 3:12-21
Press On for the Prize

Friday, September 11 // 1 Thes. 2:9-12, Acts 18:8-9
Worthy Witnesses