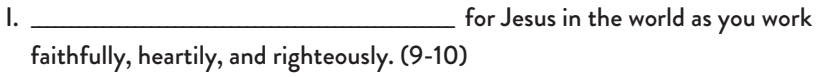


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II. _____ one another to walk with Jesus. (11-12)

III. _____ in Jesus and stand publicly with Him in baptism. (Acts 18:8-9)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-12, ACTS 18:8-9

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Live for Jesus in the world as you work faithfully, heartily, and righteously; Encourage one another to walk with Jesus; Believe in Jesus and stand publicly with Him in baptism.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12, Acts 18:8-9 and answer the following questions:

From 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

1. Why do you think Paul and the others with him worked so hard without asking for anything in return? What were they trying to prevent from happening? How is this different than much of our society today?

2. From verse 10, please explain the conduct Paul had toward the believers and the effect each would have on those witnessing it first-hand.

a. Holy

b. Righteous

c. Blameless

3. As a blameless father, Paul described three action words for his role with the church: exhort, encourage, and charge/urge. What is a good definition for each of the three words? Why is it important to have all 3?

4. From verse 12, what was Paul exhorting, encouraging, and charging the believers to do, and what motivation did he give them for doing it?

5. In the church, when calling others to walk in a manner worthy of the King, when and how might you personally use the power of caring? Exhorting? Encouraging? and Charging/urging?

From Acts 18:8-9

6. According to this passage, what is a very tangible example of putting our faith into action? Why was it a big deal for Crispus to step out in this public way?

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 14 // Acts 20:17-27
Don't Shrink Back from God's Purpose for You

Tuesday, September 15 // Acts 20:28-38
Pay Close Attention to Care

Wednesday, September 16 // 2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Serve by the Grace of God

Thursday, September 17 // 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Serve as His Ambassador

Friday, September 18 // Acts 16:25-34
Belief, Then Baptism