

Specific Questions: Text: 1Thessalonians 1:8-10

1. Comparisons sometimes discourage us, but sometimes motivate us to do better in life. Describe a time you were compared to someone else. How did that affect you? To whom is Refuge Church compared? How does that affect you/us? Should it matter?
2. The Great Commission was first given to the apostles? How does it apply to believers today? How do you define 'disciple'? What is 'the gospel'?
3. When you came to faith in Jesus did you experience a 'turning' (Acts 26:18-20)? Was it immediate or gradual? What did it involve?
4. In the first century A.D. and before, it was probably easier to identify idols than today. Why do we have greater difficulty acknowledging our idols today?
5. As a believer what things have you intentionally turned from in order to serve God? What do you need to turn from today?
6. 1Thess 1:10 focuses on Jesus coming to us, rather than our going to him. To what degree does that concept affect you today?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?