

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

Life Group; Week of Sunday, November 6, 2022; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Josh Carollo

Sermon Theme – The Gospel is not a message that originates from error or attempt to deceive, but rather, it is a message from God; it is God’s Gospel. God is the one who calls people into his kingdom, and now God has entrusted the Church with the task of proclaiming the message and sharing their lives so that more people will believe. Let’s boldly move forward by proclaiming the Gospel and sharing our lives amid persecution, suffering, and conflict.

I. The Context of Proclamation

- A. Read Acts 17:1-10. What do we learn about Paul’s time ministering the gospel in Thessalonica?
- B. In 1 Thessalonians 2, what does Paul say about the issue of suffering? How does this help our understanding of the context surrounding the entire book?
- C. When persecution or conflict arises, we can choose to tone down our message or become more bold. Based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, what option does Paul choose amid conflict? What option are you prone to choose?
- D. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:2. How would you define boldness? In what ways would you like to grow in boldness with the gospel of Christ?

II. The Message and Manner of Proclamation

- A. In verse 9, Paul writes, “the gospel of God.” What is the gospel of God? What point does Paul make when He highlights that this is God’s good news?
- B. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:3-9. In what ways does Paul describe the manner that he proclaimed the good news of the gospel? What truths about who God is, does Paul highlight to free Christians to be bold in proclaiming the good news rather than fearing man?
- C. Would you consider yourself to be a people pleaser? How has that impacted your ability to share the gospel with others? How is 1 Thessalonians 2:4 helpful in seeing the sinfulness of “people pleasing”?
- D. Proclaiming the good news is both a verbal and life expression. If you were to assess your life, how are you doing in proclaiming the good news verbally as well as with the way that you live your life?

III. The Result of Proclamation

- A. According to 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, what is the result of gospel proclamation? How is Romans 10:8-17 encouraging when we think of the task Jesus has called us to?
- B. As you think of proclaiming the gospel, who are some people that you would like to begin to have gospel conversations with? Who are you hesitant to share the gospel with?