

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thess 1:6-10.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord,  
    having received the word  
        in much tribulation  
        with the joy of the Holy Spirit,  
7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.  
8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you,  
    not only in Macedonia and Achaia,  
    but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth,  
        so that we have no need to say anything.  
9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you,  
and how you turned to God from idols  
    to serve a living and true God,  
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven,  
    whom He raised from the dead,  
    that is Jesus,  
        who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1. How is v. 6 related to v. 5?
2. What is the main verb in this section (vv. 6-10)?
3. What does it mean to be an imitator?

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4. Who did the Thessalonians become imitators of?
5. How did they become imitators of the apostles and the Lord?
6. How can tribulation and joy go together?
7. What was the result of their imitation?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 1:6-10 again.

8. What is the reason Paul gives for why they became an example to all the believers?
9. Why does Paul parallel “the word of the Lord” and “your faith” in v. 8? What does this parallel tell us?

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10. What were other believers telling Paul about the Thessalonians?

11. Why is how Paul was received by the Thessalonians so important?

12. What do vv. 9-10 describe?

13. Why did they turn to God according to vv. 9-10?

14. How is God described in v. 9? Why?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 1:6-10 again.

15. How is waiting for the return of Christ central to the faith as described in v. 10?

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16. How is the Son described in v. 10?

17. Why do you think the Son is described in these ways here?

18. What is “the wrath to come”?

19. Summarize the meaning of this passage in one sentence.

20. How should this passage shape your life this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that the practice of imitation would permeate the church to the glory of God and the good of his people.