

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class
Homework

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.

Read 1 Thess. 2:9-12

For you recall,
 brethren,
 our labor and hardship,
 how working
 night and day
 so as not to be a burden
 to any
 of you,
 we proclaimed
 to you
 the gospel
 of God.

You are witnesses,
and so is God,
 how devoutly
 and uprightly
 and blamelessly
 we behaved
 toward you believers;
just as you know
 how we were exhorting
 and encouraging
 and imploring
 each one
 of you
 as a father would
 his own children,
 so that you would walk
 in a manner
 worthy of the God
 who calls you
 into His own
 kingdom
 and glory.

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DAY 1

1. How does this passage relate back to 1 Thess. 2:8?
2. What is the main topic of the passage?
3. What do the phrases “you recall”, “you are witnesses”, and “you know” indicate about the main topic of the section?
4. What labor are the authors referring to? (see Acts 18:3)
5. What sort of effort did Paul and friends make in their work? (1 Thess. 2:9)
6. What was the larger purpose of the work? (v2:9b)
7. How does the work-ethic described in 2:9 emphasize the faithful conduct of missionaries in 2:5?

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DAY 2

8. What adverbs are used in v10 to describe the conduct on Paul and friends? What do these words mean?
9. What does the inclusion of these adverbials imply about their conduct? (v10)
10. Why would the authors mention God in 2:10? What does that add to the discussion? (see 2:5)
11. What word is used in 2:10 as a synonym for the Thessalonian church? What nuance does this word bring to the passage?
12. What adverbials are emphasized in 1 Thess. 2:11?

DAY 3

13. Why might the authors include the phrase “each one of you”? (2:11)

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14. Why would the authors include familial language in 2:11? (see also 2:7)
15. What was the end goal of the authors' godly conduct? (2:12)
16. Note the present tense of the verb "calls" in v12. How does this tense impact meaning?
17. Why would the authors mention the kingdom and glory of God in 2:12?
18. Summarize this passage in one sentence.
19. How has this passage impacted your understanding of faithful ministry?
20. What does it look like to apply this text in your life?