

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians Overview

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

1. Read 1 Thessalonians in one sitting.
2. What themes do you see emphasized?
3. What structure do you notice in the book?
4. Notice the three phrases in 1:3, “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope”. How do you see these themes reflected throughout the book?

❖ Day 2

5. Read 1 Thessalonians again.
6. How would describe the “tone” of the letter? How would you describe Paul’s relationship with the Thessalonians in light of this letter?

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7. How does Paul describe his initial visit to the Thessalonians in ch. 1-2? What about Timothy's visit described in ch. 3?
8. How does Paul describe the Thessalonians response to that initial encounter in ch. 1-2? How did they respond to Timothy in ch. 3?
9. Read Acts 17:1-9. Describe the reception of Paul among the people of Thessalonica. How does the persecution described relate to what we see in 1 Thess.?

❖ Day 3

10. Read 1 Thessalonians again.
11. What do you think is the main point of the letter?

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12. What do you see in the book that would tell us why Paul wrote the letter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Read Acts 17:14 and 18:5. When did Paul write 1 Thess. considering these passages and 1 Thess. 3:1-2, 6?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What do you think is the main thing we should take away from the book of 1 Thess.?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What areas of the book are you eager to study further in order to grow in your faith?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for the preaching and reception of God's Word as we work through the book of 1 Thess.