The Transforming Nature of the Gospel

Sermon Discussion Questions - July 24, 2022

Text

1 Thessalonians 1:4–10

Discussion Questions

1. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:4–10, what does it look like when “the gospel move[s] you to full conviction”?
2. We learn a lot about the Thessalonian church’s character and practices in 1 Thessalonians 1:4–10. What are some of those characteristics that you want your group and our church to embody?
3. The process of being transformed by the gospel starts with hearing and understanding the gospel. Who are some of the people who first spoke the gospel to you and showed you what it meant to follow Christ? How did they impact your understanding of gospel transformation?
4. An important part of embracing the gospel is living for the world to come instead of living for this world we’re currently in. How are you practically living for the world to come through obedience to God?
5. Suffering is often a conduit through which we gain opportunities to share the gospel with people. When has suffering in your life led to opportunities to share the gospel with others?
6. Who do you believe God is asking you to be an ambassador of the gospel to? What might be holding you back from sharing the gospel with them? What words from Scripture can encourage and empower you?

Prayer

We thank You, Jesus, that You have given us life in You. We thank You that You use all things—both gifts and suffering—to grow us and to give us opportunities to share the gospel with other people. As the gospel transforms us day by day, grow our faithfulness and love for You and others. Remind us that You’ve called us because You love us, and You’ve given us the best gift imaginable—You and eternal life in and with and through You. Amen.