

A Godly Reputation

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 [Page 1837]

A brief definition of true Christianity. [2-3]

The marks of maturing disciples:

1. _____ that _____
2. _____ that _____
3. _____ that _____

Loved and chosen by God. [4-5]

Modeling God's message. [6-8]

1. _____ God's Word.
2. _____ in the Word.
3. _____ the Word.

Living in the shadow of Mount Olympus. [9-10]

Living for Jesus means...

1. _____
2. _____ the _____ and _____ God.
3. _____ His _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Who do you know whose faith and life you want to imitate? What is it about them that you find so compelling?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1. What three characteristics does Paul identify as proof that the Thessalonian believers are genuine Christians [3]?
2. Read Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What actions might Paul be referring to when, in 1 Thessalonians 1:3, he writes of "labor prompted by love"?
3. In practical terms, what does it mean to hope in Christ?
4. What do verses 4-10 reveal about the basis of Paul's assurance of the Thessalonians' salvation? How did Paul know they were chosen?

5. How is it possible to have joy even when following Jesus leads to suffering, as Paul says in 1:6?
6. Reread verses 9-10. What does it mean to follow Jesus in the shadow of our godless culture [see sermon outline]?

Taking it Home:

1. How would you describe the current state of your faith in Christ? Are you demonstrating a faith that works, a love that labors, and a hope that endures?

Prayer Concerns: