

1 Thessalonians 2:10-16 /// Week of February 18

Today's big idea: The Bible is the word of God.

During the ice breaker be intentional to affirm each group member in the encouragement that they receive from others.

- Who is the most encouraging person in your life and how does he/she encourage you?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

In Bible Storytelling focus on the three parts of the story: 1, Paul's relationship with the Thessalonian church, 2, how they see the word of God, and 3, their environment.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Paul's teaching on God's word.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from 1 Thessalonians 2:10-16 in the Bible.
- How did Paul describe himself in this text?
- How did the Thessalonians see the word of God differently than others?
- What was the environment the Thessalonian church was dealing with?

Heart

Many people didn't grow up in holiness and encouragement and/or aren't it today. Help group members to be transparent and vulnerable in sharing how that is impacting the today

- Paul modeled holiness and encouragement. What was modeled in your life even if it wasn't holiness and encouragement and how is that impacting you today?
- How do you see the word of God and how is it at work in you?
- How does suffering and struggle impact how you rely on God's word?

Hands

Keep track of the steps of faith that group members mention. Then follow up with them during the week to see how they are doing and encourage them to stick with it.

- How can you take a step of faith regarding God's word in your life?
- How can you model the importance of God's word this week?
- Who is someone in your life that you can share God's word and encouragement with?
- Pray for one another and for opportunities to share God's word.

Next Week:

How Do We HFC? James 1:19-27