**The Power of the Gospel**

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Key Verse 1:5 “because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.”

1. How was the Thessalonian church born (Acts 17:1-9)? Why is it significant that the Thessalonians are in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?

2. What did Paul remember about these believers? (2-3) Why are faith, love and hope important in our Christian life?

3. What does it mean that the gospel came to them “with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction”? (4-5a; cf. 2:13-14)

4. What examples did Paul set for the Thessalonians to imitate? (5b-6; 2:9-12) Why is an exemplary lifestyle a key element of evangelism and spiritual growth? How did the Thessalonians become a role model for other believers? (7-8)

5. How did the gospel change the lives and hopes of the Thessalonians (9b-10)?