

4. Godly examples provide inspiration and direction for our lives. What did Paul find exemplary among the Thessalonians [1 Thessalonians 1:7-8]? In what areas of our lives should we strive to be exemplary [cf. 1 Timothy 4:12]?

5. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 paints a poignant portrait of genuine repentance. What qualifies as idolatry today [cf. Colossians 3:5; Revelation 9:20]? Contrast these empty pursuits with the beauty and majesty of our God as described by Paul at the end of this verse.

6. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:10, what is the relevance of the titles/ names and actions ascribed to our Saviour? How do these provide you with hope, encouragement, and motivation to face the challenges of life?

7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

*"Faith, Hope and Love: Faith is directed towards God, love towards others  
"The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed." [Paul David Tripp]*

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Introduction

1. His power \_\_\_\_\_ us: v. 4-5a

2. His servants \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to us: v. 5b-7

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# COMMITTED to the Whole Gospel

## 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

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3. His Word is \_\_\_\_\_ through us: v. 8

4. His Son is \_\_\_\_\_ for us: v. 9-10

### QUESTIONS

**Ice Breaker:** Have you ever won a trophy? If so, share the story of your triumph.

1. How does it make you feel to know God loves you and chose you for Himself [1 Thessalonians 1:4]? Spend a few moments in quiet reflection, thanksgiving and worship inspired by His love for you.
2. How does the report of the Thessalonians' conversion in 1 Thessalonians 1:5 influence your approach to sharing your faith? What are the evidences of true, saving faith?
3. How is it possible to experience joy while suffering great affliction [1 Thessalonians 1:6]? Recall the history of the Thessalonian church's beginnings in Acts 17:1-14, as well as Paul's observations in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.