

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: We Rejoice in Transformation

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 1

'...fighters get tough by fighting...thinkers get smart by thinking...we the church are other worldly, and become stronger by being an other worldly church, in spite of what is happening in this world'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What happened to the church at Thessalonica immediately after its inception? What should we the church today learn from that experience as regards adversity and difficulty? Are we responding the way we should be?

How are we the church completely unique from every other community?

Do you know; and do you speak the words of the gospel – knowing these words are empowered?

Why should we be thankful when conviction calls us to Jesus?

What does it mean to “affirm others” in your relationships with those in the church when you see the Spirit transforming people?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How are we the church? Do you recognize that you are not the church on your own? Why is that significant? How do we strengthen and encourage one another in this truth?

What are you thankful for in the ‘collective’ we, rather than individual you, church?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What does a high view of the church look like? Is this your view? How should our prayer life reflect this view?

Are you thankful that God’s good work in your life prepares you for good work? How have you seen this happen?

Are you motivated in your Christian journey by faith, hope and love? How do these virtues sustain us as no others can?

Are you thankful for the transformed lives that you have witnessed? How does/should this motivate you?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will your life be an imitation of Christ so that as you are transformed others will also see and be transformed?