

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: We Pour Out our Lives

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

*...you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God...*

## 1

### REVIEW THE SERMON

**Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.** As Paul and his associates proclaimed the Gospel to the Thessalonians, what conduct were they careful to avoid? Conversely, what virtues did they seek to embody?

**Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16.** How did the Thessalonians respond to the proclamation of the Gospel?

What challenges did the Thessalonian Christians face after they had accepted the Gospel? How did they respond to those challenges?

Taking the Thessalonian church as an example, what is the expected outcome of faithful proclamation of the Gospel?

## 2

### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

As you consider your own Christian life and witness to others, are you vulnerable to any of the vices Paul mentions: lack of boldness, people-pleasing, impurity, deceit, flattery, greed, or seeking glory for oneself? If so, why?

What challenges and difficulties have you faced because of your faith in Christ? How did you respond to these difficulties?

## 3

### APPLY THE TRUTH

Why is it so important that we maintain godly conduct while preaching the Gospel? What can happen if we fail to do so?

In what ways is the faithful proclamation of the Gospel disruptive to society? How might this disruption play out in our culture today?

## 4

### COMMIT THIS WEEK

As we seek to share the Gospel in our spheres of influence, how might we seek to imitate Paul's godly example? What would it look like this week?