

**THESIS:** Today, we will see the example of the believers in Thessalonica who were faithful because of the transformative work of the gospel. Because of their faithfulness they were used mightily by God. In the same way, God desires to use each of us, so let's continue to be transformed by the gospel and live lives that are characterized by faithfulness.



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FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITHFUL

## INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever made a New Years Resolution or any other goal for yourself before? Were you successful in it? For how long?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Q1. How might reminding others of the assurance of their faith provide them with needed encouragement?
- Q2. Believers can find joy in the Holy Spirit even in difficulty. Share a time you have experienced joy (or seen God move) in the midst of difficulty.
- Q3. What are some perceived obstacles to sharing the gospel with others?
- Q4. 1 Thessalonians 1 is Paul's encouragement of the faithfulness of believers in Thessalonica. In what ways have you been encouraged by the faithfulness of the other believers in your group?

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR:

Discipling Idea:

**Send a note, email, text, or phone call encouraging someone of the faithfulness you've seen in their life.**

- How have you loved your neighbors inside the group this week?
- How have you loved your neighbors outside of your group this week?

## PRAISE AND PRAYER:

1. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and saving grace
2. Pray that God would give you opportunities to encourage other believers this week in their faith
3. Pray that God would give opportunities for you to share the gospel with others this week through words and actions
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage you and help you be filled with joy when you encounter trials