



**Topeka Bible Church**  
***Waiting for Something to Happen: The Thessalonian Letters***  
***#2: While Waiting ... Let Jesus Christ Change Your Life***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
***1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 and selected passages***

1. Do you really believe that you are loved and chosen by God (*1 Thessalonians 1:4; John 3:16; Colossians 3:12*)? Why didn't the authors' gospel come to the Thessalonians in word alone (*1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13; Romans 1:16*)?
  
2. The Thessalonians became imitators of Paul, Silas, and Timothy as well as of Jesus Christ (*1 Thessalonians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:10, 17*). For whom did the Thessalonians serve as a model (*1 Thessalonians 1:7-8*)?
  
3. Why did the Thessalonians experience suffering when they received the gospel (*1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2:14; cf. Acts 17:5-7*)? How could they possibly have joy in the midst of their suffering (*James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6; 4:13*)? Do you rejoice in you suffer?
  
4. Do you know anyone who has turned from "idols" to serve the living and true God (*1 Thessalonians 1:9; Acts 14:15*)? What idols from your past have you turned from to serve God? What idols still haunt you (*Galatians 4:8-9*)?

5. God is described as “living and true” (*1 Thessalonians 1:9*). Do you often think of God as “living” (*Psalms 42:2; Daniel 6:26; Hebrews 10:31*)? Do you believe that the God of the Bible is the only living and true God (*Isaiah 44:6; 45:5*)?
  
6. What is the greatest expectation we have as Christians (*1 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20-21*)? What is this “wrath” from which Jesus rescues us (*Romans 1:10; 5:9*)? Who do you know who needs to be saved from this coming wrath?
  
7. Are you modeling a similar life of faith like the Thessalonians did? If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Why or why not? How does God want you to respond to His grace this week in light of this sermon?

**Memory Verse:**

**“For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you,  
and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.”  
(1 Thessalonians 1:9, NASB)**