

# THRIVE

## *Thriving in the Message*

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### *Pray*

1. Pray that the Lord would lead your time of discussion and bond hearts with the other members of your group.
2. Pray that the joy of the Lord would fill your time together.

### *Discuss*

1. Read Acts 17 and discuss the events that surround the beginning of the Thessalonian church.
2. Faith, love, and hope are three markers that Paul identifies in the Thessalonians. Why are they necessary for a healthy church?
3. Work, labor, and steadfastness are the “fruit” of faith, love, and hope. How does this influence our day-to-day lives?
4. Paul says in v. 5, “...our gospel did not come to you in word only, but in power.” Discuss the potential issues of know that gospel but not being impacted by the gospel.
5. Thessalonica was a church that was imitating the godly example of Paul, Silvanus (Silas), and Timothy. They were then examples to Macedonia and Achaia, who imitated them. Talk about the role community plays in the growth, encouragement, and accountability of Christians.

### *Pray*

1. Ask God to make the Bible come alive to you.
2. Pray for your other group members and any need they may have.



### *Read*

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ESV**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.