

## BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

### 1 Thessalonians 1

April 27, 2025



**Welcome.** Icebreaker: "What's one thing you loved about this past Sunday at church?"

#### Discussion Questions.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 and Ephesians 2:4-10. How and why does genuine faith prompt work for God's kingdom?  
Can you think of a recent experience in your own life when your faith in Jesus prompted you to do something?
2. Read Matthew 22:37-40. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:3, our "labor should be prompted by love." Explain who shares that love and how it inspires us to act in a certain way.  
What's the difference between labor done for compensation or some other tangible reward and labor prompted by love?
3. Read Romans 8:22-25. What are we hoping for in Jesus? Are there specific things in your life that you hope for, and why is endurance necessary for true hope?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Acts 2:36-41. How do we choose to follow God?  
How does (did) God choose us?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7. Who are you sending messages to or modeling behavior to frequently?  
Is it a message of faith, love, hope, or joy, or is it a message of judgment, anger, suspicion, or disappointment?

#### Action Steps.

- Which of these five themes (faith, love, hope, chosen, model) resonated with you most?

- What's one small, specific action step you can take this week?

#### Prayer.

- Ask for prayer requests, and then pray for boldness to take faith-steps, for a more profound love that labors, for hope that holds onto us, to live as if God chooses us, and to reflect Jesus in how we live.

#### Optional Challenge for the Week.

- Create a 1-Hour Phone-Free Zone. Use the time to pray, read scripture, or serve someone intentionally.

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