

In the Meantime
Week 2
10-12-25
1 Thessalonians 2:1–12

The Christian Life Gives Credibility to the Christian Message

I. The Gospel Seen in Our Lives (vv. 1–3)

- A. The gospel through conduct
- B. Our lives are like a résumé
 - 1. People read them to see if our message is real
 - 2. It's hard to hear truth from someone who isn't living it

II. The Gospel Entrusted to Us (v. 4)

- A. God has trusted us with His message — there's no Plan B.
- B. We speak:
 - 1. Not to please people
 - 2. But to please God
 - 3. The truth with boldness

III. The Gospel Proved (vv. 5–7)

- A. Flattery tells people what they want to hear; love tells them what they need to hear
- B. Paul came with gentleness
 - 1. Like a nursing mother
 - 2. Not with greed or pride
- C. How we live and speak must match what we say we believe
- D. A tree is known by its fruit
 - 1. What fruit are you producing?

IV. The Gospel Is Shared Through Love (v. 8-12)

- A. Love first, then share the gospel (not the other way around)
- B. Love people simply because God made them and they're worthy of love
- C. Paul modeled faith like a mother (gentle) and a father (encouraging)
- D. Even if you are struggling, its not to late to repent
- E. All Jesus wants is everything!
- F. The Gospel allows us to walk with Bold Gentleness

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Share some ways that our daily attitudes/ actions effect the message of Jesus we are trying to share?
2. What kinds of opposition do we face today when living out our faith, and how can we remain bold yet gentle?
3. What do you think it looks like to love people genuinely, not as a project or agenda, but simply because they are made in God's image? Anyone come to mind for you to love this week?
4. Is there anything that you think disqualifies you from sharing the gospel? What practical steps can we take this week to ensure our lives give credibility to the gospel message?