



August 24, 2025
Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson One • Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1

The Power of the Gospel

Gospel Reminder

The power of the gospel of Jesus Christ is GREATER than you think; it can impact a city, sustain a church, and transform a people.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Power of the Gospel

1. The Gospel IMPACTS a City!

Gospel Impact on a City

- Paul PROCLAIMS the gospel to the people in the city of Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-3).
- Many people RESPOND to the gospel, and subsequently a church is birthed in the city of Thessalonica (Acts 17:4).

2. The Gospel SUSTAINS a Church!

Gospel Strength for a Church

- The gospel sparks immediate OPPOSITION and sets the stage for ongoing persecution of the Thessalonian Church (Acts 17:5-10).

- Paul sends TIMOTHY to exhort the Thessalonian Church and writes a letter to encourage them in their faith (1 Thess. 2:17 – 3:5).
- The Thessalonian Church keeps GOING despite adversity and keeps growing through adversity (1 Thess. 3:6-8).

3. The Gospel TRANSFORMS a People!

Gospel Transformation of a People

- The gospel transforms our IDENTITY: Thessalonian believers are a church in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 1:1, 5).
- The gospel transforms our POSITION: Thessalonian believers are characterized by grace in their standing before God and peace in their relationship with God (1 Thess. 1:1).

Impacting Our Community

Our church is hosting IMPACT KC North on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Impact KC North is an outreach event offering free eye screening & glasses, haircuts, clothing closet, health & wellness checkups, food pantry, prayer room, complimentary lunch, and block party for kids.

Three Goals to Impact KC North

- ❖ SHOW Christ: Pray that God will use our church to show the love of Jesus to people in KC North (Prayer Gathering Sunday, Sept. 7 at 5:30 PM in Multipurpose Room).
- ❖ SERVE the Community: Sign-up to serve at Impact KC North on Saturday, September 20 (onsite training & set-up Friday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 PM at LifeBridge).
- ❖ SHARE the Gospel: Get trained to share the gospel conversationally at Impact KC North (online training via Zoom Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 pm at home or at LifeBridge).