

Love God

lessons from the church in thessalonica

Love God: 1 Thessalonians 2 / Love God by Loving Others

Waipuna Chapel's Mission Statement:

"To journey with people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by loving God, loving others, and serving the world."

Great Commandment: Mark 12:30-31

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these

Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What are we committed to for you?

Journey with you

Context:

Acts 17: 2-4

Paul reasoned with the Thessalonians about the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and how this Jesus is the Christ.

Who was Paul's crowd?

God-fearer / Proselyte: Gentiles who worships the God of the Jews

Jews: A descendant of the 12 tribes of Israel

Gentiles: anyone who wasn't a Jew; a Jewish term

Greeks: from Greece, spoke and wrote Greek, thought Greek

Romans: Rulers of Asia-Minor in the 1st Century

Hellenistic Jews / Gentiles: Non-Greeks who adopted Greek culture

Hebraic Jews: Jews who spoke Hebrew, lived and regularly worshipped in the temple

Samaritans: Half-breeds; part-Jew and part-Samaritan; most hated people group of the Jews

The Message: The Gospel of God

Acts 17:3 / 1 Thes. 2: 1-2

The Method: S.P.E.A.R.D.

Acts 17:2 and 4

The Mission: Their Salvation

1 Thes. 2:13-16

The Motive: Not from error, or with flattery, or for gain

1 Thes. 2:3-6

The Ministry: With all of their lives

1 Thes. 2:7-20

Life Group Study Questions:

First: Share in your group a story of how you came to be a Christian. Ask someone in your group to share a specific story of a specific person who God used so you could come to know Jesus.

All believes should be close to sharing the same message, method, mission, motive, and ministry as Paul. Jesus' call to love God and love others at times does not come with out challenges.

What are challenges that you face in accomplishing the God task?

Are you unclear of the message? Are you unequipped with the method? Are you unsure of the mission? Is your motive unaligned with the Lord's? Lastly, and maybe most importantly, are you willing to do more than preach? Are you willing to share your life in order for others to come to know of Jesus Christ and be saved and disciplined?

1. Who are your people group?
2. What do you believe to be God's will for their lives?
3. What challenges internally or externally have hindered you from ministering to this people group?
4. Are there people in your life or life group or church who are equipped to help you to minister to your people group?

I challenge you to call on those around you to support you in prayer, to equip you with the skills, to partner with you in reaching the people in your life who God may be calling you to minister too.

Take some time to share your responses and strategies to accomplish the great God mission that's in front of us.

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