LIGHTING A FIRE IN PEOPLE’S HEARTS

Starting point:
If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

OVERVIEW
Pastor reviewed what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in 1 Thess. 1:1-12.
• What were Paul, Silas and Timothy preaching to the Thessalonians?
• What did we learn about Faith, Love and Hope from last week?
• How did Paul live what he was preaching?
• Pastor took time to discuss the concept of being a leader. What did he say leadership really is?
• How did Paul model leadership?

Paul came to Thessalonica WITH A PURPOSE IN MIND
1 Thess. 2:1-2
• What did Paul go through in Phillippi because he was preaching the gospel?
• What can we learn from Paul’s perseverance?
• What was Paul’s purpose of going to Thessalonica?
Paul came to the Thessalonica WITH SINCERITY

1 Thess. 2:3-12

In these verses, Paul shares what leadership traits we need to avoid and what traits to develop.

- Discuss Paul's actions, that Pastor shared, regarding the leadership traits we should avoid.
- Share how you have observed these traits used in a way they should not have been used.
- Ulterior motives (v.3)
- People pleasing intentions (vs. 4-5)
- Greed (v. 5)
- Play the leader card (v. 6)
- Discuss Paul's actions, that Pastor shared, regarding leadership traits we should use.
- Share how you have observed these traits used in a way that was beneficial.
- Gentile and sensitive (v. 7)
- Affectionate and loving (v. 8)
- Authentic (vs. 8-10)
- Encourager (vs. 11-12)
- What was Paul's purpose in ministering to the church in Thessalonica?
- How did Paul want the Thessalonians to walk? (v 12)

APPLICATION

- What role does boldness and perseverance play in a fruitful ministry?
- How can you see these qualities grow in your own life and ministry?
- Look at the four leadership traits Pastor mentioned Paul wrote about in 1 Tess. 2:3-6 that we should avoid.
- Reflect on your style as a husband/wife, parent, teacher, employee/employer and/or church member.
- How often and in what circumstances have you used any of these traits?
- What have you learned from Paul's words in Sunday's message?
- Look at the four leadership traits Pastor mentioned Paul wrote about in 1 Thess. 2:7-12 we should use.
- How have you used these traits successfully as a husband/wife, parent, teacher, employee/employer and/or church leader?
- What can be learned from Paul's words in Sunday's message?