



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Mistaken Identities”
Complement to sermon on 8/18/2019 – “Chosen”**

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. If you could choose what was for dinner tonight what would it be?

MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

READ 1st Thessalonians 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Paul says that the Thessalonians received the word in much affliction. Read Acts 17: 1-10. In what ways does knowing this help to better understand/receive the words Paul shares in 1st Thess 1?
4. Read 1:3 again and reflect on the following questions...
 - a. What are works of faith? What are labors of love? What does steadfastness of hope look like?
 - b. Why is it important to remember these about ourselves and others? (hint: compare 1:3 with 5:8-10, look also at 1:8)
 - c. What is necessary on our part in order to remember these things about ourselves and others?
 - d. Spend time remembering and sharing works of faith, labors of love and steadfastness of hope that you have experienced. If doing this as an individual, take time to remember and then commit to share with someone this week.

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Thessalonians 1. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

Letter of Thanks

Think of someone who has impacted you. Take time to pray for them, thanking God for the impact they have had on you and then write them a letter. In the letter identify what it was that impacted you, what difference it made on you and then encourage them to continue sharing in these ways with others.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Reckless Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE>

God Only Knows - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhS83a5Ky84>

I stand Amazed in the Presence – Mennonite Hymnal #540

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go through your week may you live as one who stands without blemish in the glorious presence of God. May He increase your desire and effort to faithfully and obediently follow Him and keep you from falling.