

Sermon Supplement from September 24

A Faithful Response in the Meantime | 1 Thess. 2:13-16

Warm Up: Where did you first receive the message of the gospel? What was meaningful about that time?

Dig In – 2 Responses to the Bible

Read vv. 13-14 | Acknowledge It as GOD's Word and Accept it

- What difference does it make that you acknowledge the Bible as GOD's Word?
- What do these verses teach us about the Word of GOD?
- What should we be imitating according to these verses?
- If you acknowledge the Bible as GOD's Word, why will it cause others to oppose you?
- What do you learn from these verses that will help you when you are being opposed?

Read vv. 15-16 | Attribute It to Man and Reject It

- Why do you think people who attribute the Bible to merely man's ideas are so opposed to the people who try to teach the Bible?
- How do these verses help us understand the opposition throughout history? Where is headed in the future?
- How can these verses help us understand the danger they are in? Does this make you feel better or worse about them?

Apply

- Has there been a time when you received the message of the Bible as the Word of GOD and accepted it as truth concerning who you are and what your future is before GOD?
- What have you learned from this study that will help you continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus?
- What has your response been to those who oppose the message of the Bible? In light of this passage, should it be any different?

(Bible Reading Guide and Resources on Other Side)

Weekly Bible Reading Guide – In order to help you engage with God’s Word and our Sunday sermons, we suggest using the exercises below as part of your personal Bible reading and study for the coming week.

Next Week’s Sermon Text - *1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5*

Study Exercises (*use as you have time*)

1. Read the text at least 5 times (in different translations if possible)
2. Answer some basic investigative questions such as: *What are important terms or concepts? What is the tone? What is emphasized, repeated or related? Are there significant comparisons or contrasts? What verses or ideas jump out at you?*
3. Make a list of terms, people, places, or ideas that you need to research further? Use a study Bible, Bible dictionary, or digital resources to help you understand these.
4. In your own words, what is the big idea of this text?
5. Consult 1 or more of the resources listed below. How does this expand your understanding of the text?
6. Apply It: What are the major points of application from this text? How does what you have learned impact the way you think, feel, or act?

Resources

- A good Study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, Faithlife Study Bible (free app),
- Video Introduction: Watch The Bible Project summary videos for 1&2 Thessalonians
- Study Guide: [1&2 Thessalonians and Titus](#) MacArthur Bible Study Guide
- Basic Commentary: [1&2 Thessalonians For You](#) Ligon Duncan
- In-depth Commentary: [The Letters to the Thessalonians](#) Pillar New Testament Commentary, Gene L. Green
- In-depth sermon series: Visit gty.org to find John MacArthur’s verse by verse sermon series on these two books.