Family Discipleship Resource Jan 12-18 (1 Thess. 2:5-8)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Thanks so much for caring for me enough to send your Son to die for me. Help me to care enough about the lost around me to share Jesus' love and truth with them.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – <u>Read the Text (1 Thess. 2:5-8)</u>

"For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness— nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. Having so fond an affection for you, we were wellpleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us."

O – Observe what God has said

How did Paul choose not to approach new people in Thessalonica? What characterized his approach instead?

What makes it difficult to care about others? Why is it so important that we as believers care for the lost?

W – Work on Application

Breaking barriers for the gospel is not about being a politician, salesman, or expert. but about sharing the gospel message and showing others that we genuinely care about them enough to not only tell them what Jesus did for them, but to show them in the way we love and serve them. Do you care? Consider for a moment who cared enough for you to lead you to Jesus. It could have been a number of people in your life that made any number of investments that led you to the Lord—a pastor, mentor, friend, family member, or perhaps even a complete stranger. The truth is, every single one of us who is a child of God came to saving faith in Jesus because someone or a number of people cared enough about you to make an investment, have a conversation, take the time to share, served in a special way.

Who cared for you? Who can you care for this week? How?

<u>Family Weekly Memory Verse</u>: "Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us,"-1 Thess. 2:8