



Week of 3.4.18
Enraptured: Living Ready For His Return
The Word at Work
1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13. Paul uses three words to describe how the Thessalonian believers responded to the word of God, the Gospel. Each word has a different nuance of meaning and there is also a natural progression of the three words. Do a study on these three words and share what you have learned (I will mention these three in the sermon.)
 - “received the Word”
 - “accepted”
 - “believed” (believers)

2. According to 1 Thessalonians 2:14, what was the evidence of the salvation of the Thessalonian believers that caused Paul to thank God constantly for? Does that seem odd to you? Knowing what you know about Paul’s life as a missionary (read Acts 17:1-10 as an example), why could Paul deeply relate to them?

3. We have recently talked about the blessings of salvation (110 adjectives that describe the believer.) Today I want you to write down any hardships, suffering or persecution you have received as a result of being a believer. 2 Timothy 2:12 says “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” How have you suffered for the cause of Christ, because of your belief in Christ?

Communication Card Next Steps: Memorize 1 Thessalonians 2:13
I will write down the names of people I am thankful God has transformed by the saving work of the Gospel and thank God for them each day this week.
I will write down the names of people I desire for God to radically transform their lives through the saving work of the Gospel and pray for them each day this week.