



D3: Ministry– The example of Paul (part 2) 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, week 1

6 Gospel-Centered Truths for Ministry

I. Ministry must be concerned first and most with engaging people with the _____, 2:1-2.

1. Gospel ministry is never _____ or found _____, 2:1.

Q: What would happen to your ministry if the gospel is not central in your relationships?

2. Gospel ministry requires _____ when surrounded by opposition, 2:2.

Sandwich #1:

Q: How much trouble exists in your relationships because of the gospel?

Q: What might be some reasons for the absence of trouble in our relationships?

Q: What happens when opposition comes in your gospel ministry to someone?

3. Gospel ministry finds its _____ in God alone, 2:2.

Q: What needs to happen daily to increase your God-given boldness to speak the gospel?

II. In gospel-centered ministry, God Himself is central, 2:2b-6

1. God is the origin of our _____ and _____, 2:2b, 6.

2. God _____ our exhortations. 2:3

3. God _____ us to _____ us with His gospel, 2:4

Sandwich #2

4. God _____ my mouth, 2:4

5. God is my primary _____, 2:4, 5, 10

6. God _____ my mask in ministry, 2:5.

7. God _____ my use of authority, 2:6.

*Any authority I might possess in ministry is not about me.
Authority in ministry is always to be exercised under the 'approval', 'pleasure', and 'witness' of God.
Our first resort in ministry must not be the exertion of our authority for authority's sake.*

