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Saturday, April 16, 2016

Lesson 15-Sat.

D3 – MINISTRY: THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL (1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10)

DUE:

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Begin your lesson by reading Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians in 2 Th 2:13-17. Follow Paul's example in thanking God for the multiple blessings that He has bestowed upon you, whom He has chosen and called through the gospel. Consider Paul's requests on behalf of the Thessalonian believers and ask God to help you to stand firm and hold to that which you've been taught about the gospel through Wellspring, and to encourage your heart in every good work and word.

LOOKING BACK...

Review the lesson "D3 – Ministry: Paul's Example (1 Th 1:5-10)." Re-read the gospel as you wrote it out for your last homework assignment. Is there anything you would like to add or change after hearing this lesson? Look to see if you have included:

- truth about God and His character
- truth about sin – what it is, its effect, its consequences
- truth about Jesus – who He is and what He has done
- the result of Christ's death and resurrection for those who repent and believe the gospel

What verses could you use to show these gospel truths from God's Word? Feel free to consult the Gospel Resources you received in class. The blue "God's Transformation of Man" pamphlet from early in the year may also be helpful. (The pamphlet is available in worksheet form here: <http://www.gbcaz.org/media/biblicaltraining/wellspring/2015-16/20150926ws1.pdf>)

Review the "5 Ministry Statements to Help us Understand Discipline 3" from lesson 15:

1. Ministry's message must include the gospel, 1:5
2. Ministry requires an uncommon messenger, 1:5
3. Ministry involves imitation, 1:6
4. Ministry must produce not only exemplary lives, but effective lives, 1:7-8
5. Ministry labors for nothing less than repentance, 1:9-10

Pick one of these statements (from the list above) and reflect on its implications for your life. How might this statement impact your relationships?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

As you continue you meeting with God in His Word as you read the Bible each day, list characteristics in the people you read about that make them someone to imitate (record the Scripture references).

If you don't find any examples in your daily reading, make a list of "imitatable" characteristics you saw in the lesson from 1 Thessalonians.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for Lesson 16, "D3-MINISTRY: How the Body Cares for Itself," skim through the book of 1 Thessalonians (chapters 1-5), and read Acts 17:1-9, paying special attention to the following:

1. The Thessalonians' faith and their trial

2. The short time they had together with Paul