

EBW Fall 2020

Fellowship Mtg 2

1 Thessalonians Chapter 2

Study Questions

- Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's leading and understanding as you begin to read 1 Thessalonians.
- Continue to read through the five chapters of 1 Thessalonians, either in one sitting or over a period of several days. This will help you to keep in mind the big picture of the whole book while you also note observations specifically for chapter 2
- A copy of 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 is on the last page and ready for you to use to mark any of your observations.

Overview questions:

1. In 1 Thessalonians 2:2, Paul refers to suffering and mistreatment in Philippi. See Acts 16:11-40 and give a quick synopsis of the events.
2. How do the contents of Chapter 1 tie in to 2:1-12?

Chapter 2 Observation Questions:

Who and what do we find in chapter two? Include the verse/s where you find your observation. See example.

Who	What
Example: God	Boldness in God (V. 2); gospel of God (V. 2);

Additional Observation Questions:

Look for and mark the following repeated words and their synonyms in 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.
(Indicate how many times they appear and what verses they are found in.)

- know
- recall
- witness

Notes: (for Interpretation and Application) Feel free to jot down your own notes; we will also cover this at the meeting.

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Paul's Ministry

2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. ³ For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit; ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness— ⁶ nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have ^[a]asserted our authority. ⁷ But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children. ⁸ 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 ^[m]very dear to us.

⁹ For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and *so is* God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; ¹¹ just as you know how we *were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children, ¹² so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.