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Origins – A Model

Summary: Everyone needs examples. The Thessalonian believers were able to look at Paul, Silas and Timothy and then through difficulty, repentance, patience and God's word they became the models for the entire region.

Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, 2:2, 9, 14, 18, 3:3, 4:7; Acts 17:11; 5:40; 2 Corinthians 4:17

Community Group Discussion

Proven Men

- "Following Jesus makes you counter-cultural."
- "Leaders need to be proven people."
- What does it mean to be above reproach?
- "The proven person becomes a target."
- "Culture has an ideal of what a Christian should be."

Provided Examples

- "The number one thing a believer needs is a believing friend." As a new believer, who did you imitate?
- As a believer, what does it mean to imitate Jesus?

Thessalonians is the Model (v. 6-10)

- What are the challenges/benefits of giving someone the opportunity to change?
- "Suffering and joy are Siamese twins, they come from the same root."
– Leonardo DaVinci
- What does it look like to joyfully suffer?
- "You are saved to serve."
- "Serving is a believer's safety harness that keeps us tethered to Jesus."
- What are the dangers of having "just enough Jesus"?

Waited and Wrath (v. 10)

- How did Jesus deliver us from the wrath to come?