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## **Origins – Principles and Methods of Ministry**

Summary: Paul leaves Thessalonica after only 3 weeks and into that vacuum of leadership comes accusations leveled against him. He uses chapter 2 to defend how he ministers and gives us a brilliant path to follow.

Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Acts 16; Amos 7:12-17; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### **Community Group Discussion**

#### **Principles (v. 1-6)**

- “Difficulty must not derail what you are doing.” How does difficulty sift out the hireling from the shepherd?
- “When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear.” — Thomas Sowell
- Discuss the motive of serving an audience of one versus people pleasing.

#### **Engaging Methods/Walking it Out (v. 7-12)**

- “Pure ministry is taking care of people.”
- What does it mean to be “in it to win it”? (1 Corinthians 9:24-26)
- Discuss the importance of working as unto the Lord.
- Are you given to exhortation or encouragement?
- What does it mean to “write a good story with your life”?