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Origins – Growth

Summary: The church at Thessalonica is a model of church success. This leads to the big question: why? At the end of Chapter 2 we get the answer. It is God's Word, Suffering, War, and the Win.

Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20; Matthew 10:29-31, 7:26-27, 16:21-23; Job 23:12, 38:1-41:4, 39:1-4, 41:1-4; Isaiah 27:1-2; Acts 17:13-14; 2 Corinthians 2:11; Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 6:12

Community Group Discussion

The Word (v.13-14)

- Discuss the difference between hearing and accepting the Word.
- “You become the judge of God when you pick and choose what to believe is true in the Bible.”
- “When you ‘devour’ God’s word it answers all the questions you care about.”
- Why would viewing Jesus only as a human example instead of divine be crushing?
- What ways do you keep your spiritual life off of life support?

Suffering (v.14-16)

- “One of the keys to life is living with a mind of mercy.” How do you encourage yourself during times of suffering?
- What does God’s care look like? (Matthew 10:29-31)

War and Win (v. 17-20)

- “One of the devices of the devil is people.” (Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:3-4, 17:13-14)
- What is your hope, your joy, your crown?
- What are the challenges/benefits of recognizing that vengeance is God’s?
- “The win of the Church is people.”