

Ladies Bible Study for October 20th

Read & Study 1 Thessalonians 2:1-9

Read Isaiah 55:10-11...what does God say about His words?

Verse 1: In light of what God says about His words, how does that mesh with what Paul says in verse 1?

Read Acts 16:16-37...to refresh your memory of what happened in Philippi. Refer to the interactive map (<https://www.understandingchristianity.com/timelines/paul-first-second-missionary-journeys/>) to see where Philippi is on their journey.

What hardships were faced by Paul & Silas?

Verse 2: How could the very hardships they faced in Philippi embolden Paul & Silas to continue their work?

Verse 3: Their preaching motives are described as....

Verse 4: What have Paul & Silas been entrusted with? How did this knowledge affect how they served?

Have believers been entrusted with the same thing? List any examples from the Bible that support this belief.

Verse 5-6: Paul mentions NOT using _____ or

_____ to win over the Thessalonians and be their friends. Paul also mentions NOT seeking out _____.

In fact, these characteristics could be signs of a _____ teacher.

Why would Paul seemingly “brag” that he did not engage in such negative behaviors? What can we learn from Paul about how to “do ministry”?

Verse 7: Though Paul had been chosen by Christ to lead, he (Paul) chose NOT to assert his apostolic authority granted by God. What did he compare himself too?

List characteristics of a good leader. How can we apply this same action as believers?

Verse 8: What 2 things did Paul & his associates share with the Thessalonians?

Verse 9: What job could Paul have possibly performed to support himself while in Thessalonica? (Hint: Acts 18:3) Did he have to do this? Why not just let the Thessalonians provide for him? Is this the best way? Consider Luke 10:1-7