

First Thessalonians Study
Questions for First Thessalonians 2:1-8

1. What were Paul's experiences prior to arriving in Thessalonica (2:1-2)? In spite of these experiences, what gives Paul the confidence to boldly preach the gospel in Thessalonica? What does this say to you about sharing the gospel with others?
2. What were Paul's motives in preaching the gospel in Thessalonica? What are Paul's credentials?
3. Paul had to defend himself against those who rejected his message, persecuted him and ran him out of Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-10). In verses 2:5-6, what does Paul say his motives were not?
4. Though as an Apostle he could have made demands upon the people, how did Paul regard the Thessalonian believers? What word pictures does he use to convey his love and concern for them? How do these pictures impact your thinking about other believers?
5. This section of 1 Thessalonians speaks to the Message, Motivation, and Lifestyle of the Christian. What changes will you make in these areas of your life as a result of studying this passage this week?