

**Goldstone Church**  
**Small Group Questions**  
***1 Thessalonians 1:1-10***

**For Starting**

- What does 'encouragement' look like? How do you encourage someone who is in need?
- How does what you experience in your life affect your attitude and actions?
- Do you only tend to pray when things are going bad? Why?
- What sticks out to you in this passage?

**For Reviewing**

- Who wrote this letter, and to whom was it written (v.1)?
- Why were Paul, Silas, and Timothy thankful to God for the Thessalonians? (vv.2-3)
- In what ways had the Gospel impacted the Thessalonian church (vv.4-5a)?
- What did the Thessalonians experience as they imitated Paul and followed God's teaching (v.6)?
- In which geographical areas had the Thessalonians been promoted as a good model to follow (v.7)? [See map over].
- What specifically had the Thessalonians done when as they followed God wholeheartedly (vv.9-10)?

**For Discussion**

- What does it mean to have faith that works through love and endurance inspired by hope (v.3)?
- How can you be a model to others so that your faith becomes an example for those around you?
- How does this passage encourage you in your own faith journey?
- How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?
- You could end by reading together John 15:5.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

