

Bring It Home

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Lesson Theme: “You Are Dear To Us!”

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 2:8b *“We were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”*

Teachers/Parents: As we see how Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy affectionately care about these believers in Thessalonica in this passage, we began our lesson by talking about things that we show affection to. Think back to when you were younger. What did you show affection to? What are some things that you show affection to now and how do you show it?

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **1 Thessalonians 2;1-2**. Where did Paul say they were treated unjustly? See the next two questions where we have a record of what actually happened there in a different book of the Bible!
- 2) Read **Acts 16:16-24**. Why did they throw Paul and Silas into prison?
- 3) Read **Acts 16:25-31**. What happened while Paul and Silas were in prison?
- 4) After they were released from jail in Philippi, they entered Thessalonica for the first time. Read **Acts 17:1-6**. In v. 6, the mob described them as people who have “turned the world upside down”. How does the gospel turn the world upside down?
- 5) Read **1 Thessalonians 2:4**. What did God “entrust” to Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy? What are some things that are entrusted to you?
- 6) In **1 Thessalonians 2:7**, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy affirm their love of these believers in this church like a mother loves her little children. What are some ways that a mother cares for her children?
- 7) Read **1 Thessalonians 2:8**. What are the two things that Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy “imparted” or gave to the church at the Thessalonica? What was the reason why they imparted those things?
- 8) Who can you show affection to this week?