

These questions are for the November 9, 2025, message, “The Power of the Gospel,” from the series entitled, “Seeking Him.” Please read the sermon passage (1 Thess 1:2-10) out loud.

Passage Outline

As the church, we speak boldly and plainly about . . .

1. The Gospel (2-5).
 - a. Creation, fall, redemption and restoration.
 - b. The gospel is the good news which is seen in the church through our . . .
 - i. Work of faith.
 - ii. Labor of love.
 - iii. Endurance produced by hope.
2. Sanctification (6-8).
 - a. The way that each of us becomes more like Jesus is . . .
 - i. Imitating mature believers (1 Thess 1:1).
 - ii. Imitating our Lord (Heb 12:1-2).
 - iii. Each of us becoming godly examples to be imitated.
 - b. Like a family, we grow through physical examples which point us toward Jesus.
3. Hope (9-10).
 - a. Hope: Growing confidence that God is at work in the future for my good according to His promises.
 - b. Blessed hope: our ultimate good will be experienced when Jesus Christ returns.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The good news changes each of us and produces a called-out and redeemed people of God, namely: the church. In what ways are you excited about the ways our church family is an example of a “work of faith, labor of love and constancy in hope”? How could we improve at sharing this good news with those outside the church?
2. Based on #2, above: The way we become more like Jesus is “imitating others,” “imitating Christ” and then “being imitated.” The Holy Spirit is operative in each of these imitations. Point out places where these imitations are happening in your own life.
3. Based on #3, above: In the gospel, we reject all false rescue plans in order to embrace Christ alone (faith), and wait for Him (hope) to make good on His promises. What false rescue plans (idols) are you prone to? How has God revealed them to you?
4. When we share the gospel with unbelievers, we talked about deepening relationships which would afford us the opportunity to ask two questions. “Who is your authority?” And, “Who do you say (think) Jesus is?” Is there anyone that God has placed in your life that may be ready for a conversation like this?