



Message Date: April 23, 2023

Message Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Message Title: Resonate: You Know

Big Idea: Sharing the Gospel effectively happens through relational authenticity.

Questions:

1. How did Paul, Silas, and Timothy go about sharing the gospel with the Thessalonians?
2. When you think of sharing the gospel with others, what is your knee jerk response? Are you excited, repulsed, afraid?
3. Read 1 Thess 2:1-2. Have you been treated outrageously for the sake of the gospel?
4. Read 1 Thess 2:3-7. Being pure in motives is difficult for us because we were created to long for approval. In what areas of your life do people's approval matter more to you than God's?
5. Read 1 Thess 2:7-8. Our technological and individualistic culture makes it difficult to share our lives with others. In what seasons of life did you feel most connected to other people? How can you adjust your life to mirror these seasons?
6. Read 1 Thess 2:9-10. Perhaps you are concerned about opening your life to others because they will see your humanness. How does this impact your vulnerability with others?
7. Read 1 Thess 2:11-12. Has anyone ever dealt with you similarly when faced with your brokenness? How can doing the same for others be an effective witness of the gospel?

Group Next Steps:

1. Take some time as a group to ask the Holy Spirit to lead you each to know who you need to invite into your life and build relationships with. Offer to God your fears, hesitations, and pride that have kept you from relationships or vulnerability in the past.
2. Choose how you will connect throughout the week (text/call/email/meet up) to encourage, comfort, and hold each other accountable to invite those who need the gospel into your lives.