

## Bible Study

### 1 Thessalonians—*Faithfulness through Life*

#### Lesson 1 Background and Overview



Paul's Second Missionary Journey—49-51AD

Thessalonica

Purpose of Paul's Letter

Overview

#### **Acts 17:1-9 (The story before the Letter)**

Why did Paul and his companions stop at Thessalonica? (17:1)

What did Paul and his companions do in Thessalonica? (17:1-3)

What was Paul's mission in the synagogue? (17:2-3)

What resulted from Paul's preaching? (17:4)

Why were some of the Jews jealous? (17:5)

How did the Jews act against Paul and Silas? Why? (17:5)

What accompanied Paul's success? (17:5-7)

What did the crowd do to Jason and some other Christians? (17:6-7)

What were the accusations against the Christians? (17:6-7)

How did the crowd and city officials react to the accusations? (17:8)

What did the city officials do with the believers? (17:9)

Paul and his companions were accused of causing trouble. Why could that be considered a compliment?

Since his conversion, this is the sixth time Paul has been forced by persecution to leave an area. How would you view your mission if that happened to you?

How can rejection, abuse, and other kinds of opposition affect a believer's stand for Christ?

How should we cope with opposition to the message?

Insights and thoughts...

Before next week: Read 1 Thessalonians 1