

Bible Study

**1 Thessalonians—Faithfulness through Life**

Lesson 4

2:1-16

Under what conditions did Paul share the gospel with the Thessalonians? (2:2)

What false charges had been brought against Paul? (2:3-5)

How did Paul answer the charges against him? (2:3-5)

How were other traveling religious teachers deceiving people? (2:5)

How did Paul describe his relationship with the Thessalonians? (2:7)

What were Paul and his companions delighted to do? Why? (2:8)

What did Paul want the Thessalonians to remember about his time with them? (2:9)

How did Paul describe his work with the Thessalonians? (2:10)

In what way was Paul like a father to the Thessalonians? (2:11-12)

How did the Thessalonians receive the Word of God? (2:13)

What kind of opposition had Paul faced? (2:15-16)

What is God's response to people who oppose the preaching of the gospel? (2:16)

Paul, Silas and Timothy had "boldness" to tell the gospel. What do you think are some of the fears many Christians have about sharing the gospel?

What are some of the opposing pressures and forces that we face today as we attempt to do what Paul and his companions did?

Why did Paul work so hard not to be a burden to the Thessalonians?

What is the best way to talk to those who may believe differently than we do?

Though Paul was passionate in sharing the message, he was gentle as he did so. What images did he use to describe his approach? How important are those attitudes?

Paul contrasts the *word of man* with the *Word of God*. How are they different?

One of the purposes of the local church is to encourage and support one another. What would be a word of encouragement you could share with the group tonight?