

"The Power of a Gospel Centered Church"

Text: I Thessalonians 1:5-10

Scripture reading: Colossians 1:1-14

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Introduction:

Three pillars of a Gospel-centered church that will multiply our effectiveness in a dark culture.

1. A Full Certainty in the Gospel (5a)

2. A Contagious Influence through the Gospel (5b-7)

a. They watched examples in verse 5

b. They imitated examples in verse 6

c. They became examples in verse 7

“Since I last wrote I have read the biography of Frances Ridley Havergal. It did what other Christian biographies have done – deepened my hunger for knowing Christ in his fullness, for living wholly unto him who died for us. I am impressed always upon reading of someone who lived a holy life, with the reflection: what would be written of me, were I to die today? God alone knows how very, very little I know of true holiness, Christlikeness, and Calvary love.” - Elizabeth Elliot

3. An Audible Proclamation of the Gospel (8-10)

“Having received the gospel, the Thessalonian Christians had no thought of keeping it to themselves; by word and life they made it known to others. From the beginning they functioned as a missionary church.” -F.F. Bruce

Conclusion: