



Life Group Notes: 'Church With A Difference'

Tuesday 7th April 2020

READ THESE VERSES TOGETHER:

1 Thessalonians 1:3-8:

3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction... **6** You become imitators of us and of the Lord... **8** The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achacia – your faith in God has become known everywhere...

(Full reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10).

DISCUSSION POINTS:

We need to become a church of:

1) Radical obedience – v6 “You become imitators of us and of the Lord...”

It is time for the church to infect the world and go viral – it is time to step out in boldness!

- How are you/can you, use this time of lockdown during the Coronavirus to spread the message of Jesus? Please discuss ways and suggestions you can/are doing this.

2) Modelling excellence – v7 “And so you became a model to all the believers...”

- Jesus being central in our lives is key to maturity as a Christian. How can you/are you growing in your relationship with God during this time when we are not able to meet together in person?

3) Widespread influence – v8 “Your faith in God has become known everywhere...”

It is time for the church to step out and leave a lasting footprint in society!

- Discuss ways you can work together as a group to practically help others during this time, especially during the physical distancing and isolation.

(Suggestions: phone calls, encouraging messages, handwritten cards, gifts in the post, shopping for others, supporting the local Foodbank, financial gifts etc.)

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Pray for an end to the Coronavirus and epidemic of fear in our nation and protection for us all
- Pray that God will increase our hunger for him and our boldness in sharing the gospel with others
- Pray for our leaders for wisdom and strength – King's Church, our nation and across the world