With The Master In View of His Return
Lesson 7 - The Word at Work! - 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

1. (a) Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 and write down all the ways in which the Word was at work. (b) What are some other ways in which the Word is at work in us according to the following passages? Joshua 1:8, 9; Psalm 1:2-3; Psalm 119:24, 147; John 8:31-32; John 17:17; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 Peter 2:2

2. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

3. Paul mentions that the church received the Word of God as truth and not as the words of men. (I Thessalonians 2:13). (a) What are the differences between God's words and man's words? See Psalm 19:8-11, Psalm 119 and 1 Corinthians 2 for some ideas. (b) Why do you think the church at large has left the Word of God for the philosophies and ideas of man?

4. (a) According to Hebrews 4:12, what power does the Word of God have in the lives of those who believe? (b) If this is the case, then why do you think so many believers spend so little time in the Word? (c) How has God's Word transformed your life? (d) How much time do you spend in the Scriptures? (This is a personal question to answer in the privacy of your own heart.)

5. Paul mentions that they were persecuted to the point that they were forbidden to speak to the Gentiles about the gospel-1Thess 2 16. (a) Look up the following passages and answer these questions. Who suffered persecution? What type of persecution did they endure? 1 Kings 18:1-16; Jeremiah 26:8, 9; Mark 13:9-13. Acts 5:40-42; Acts 16:20-24. (b) Who else comes to your mind from the pages of Scripture that suffered for Christ? (c) What should be our attitude when we encounter suffering? 1 Peter 2:20-23; 1 Peter 4:12-19. (d) Are these attitudes present in you when you suffer for the Lord's sake?

6. (a) Have you received and welcomed the gospel of Jesus Christ? (b) If so, how has the Word been at work in your life? (c) This past year? (d) This past week? (e) Today? Write a prayer asking God to work in your life in a specific way through His Word.