



## DISCOVER.

Use this section to reflect on what you have discovered about God and yourself from the sermon lesson on Sunday. Complete this section before meeting with your Life Group.

### ***Questions we can ask ourselves each week:***

1. What stood out to me from the sermon, *3D Faith: Deliver?*

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2. What did I learn about God?

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3. What did I learn about myself?

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### ***Questions specific to this week's lesson:***

4. What gifts have others shared with me that helped reveal God's love to me?

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5. What good things have I been given that can be shared with others?

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## DEEPEN.

Paul, the author of this letter to the church in Thessalonica was not always a follower of Jesus. At one time he passionately persecuted Christians. A personal encounter with Jesus changed Paul into a passionate disciple. He lived out the call to “go and tell” using God’s blessings for the benefit of others and was often challenged, persecuted and even imprisoned for that.

How do you feel about telling others about your faith? Do you freely tell anyone and everyone, subtly mention church or Jesus in conversations, tell someone if they ask, or totally avoid mentioning anything about your faith?

### Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

1. What excuses might Paul have had not to share his faith with the Thessalonians? What enabled him to continue?
2. Have you ever been insulted because of your faith or witnessed someone being mistreated because of their faith? Share the experience with your group.
3. In v. 1-2, Paul points out the results of their visit. Why is it important for us to reflect on the ways we’ve seen God at work in our lives?
4. Share some of the ways God has made a difference in your life. How could you share your experiences to benefit someone else.
5. What do we learn in this passage about proper and improper motives for sharing our faith or inviting people to “come and see” Jesus? What are your motives?
6. What sentiments does Paul declare in the final verse? What did he and his fellow disciples share?
7. How has Paul inspired you to “go and tell”? Other than speaking, what other ways can we share God’s blessings to benefit others?

### PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

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# DELIVER.

## Go and Tell

The disciple-life isn't about self-fulfillment, but self-giving. God's faithful pattern throughout Scripture is to bless so we may share those blessings for the benefit of others. A disciple does more than receive from God, but generously gives to others in His name. That might be sharing your personal story, spending time with someone who is hurting, praying for the needs of others, giving to the church or organizations that help the poor, volunteering to use your gifts or skills, and so on and so on. The list is practically endless.

**How has God blessed you?** Consider the gifts He's given you, the experiences you've had, the ways He's helped you in good times and bad, the ways He's provided for you.

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**What are you going to do with those blessings?** Look at all the ways God has blessed you and now make a plan to generously give to others in His name. How will you share those blessings for the benefit of others?

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Now, ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities to "go and tell" – to generously give to others in His name.



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