

Gentleness

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

Purpose: To learn how to be “gentle” Christians as we go through our journey of discipleship.

Group Discussion: Think of the most gentle person you know? Describe that person.

Personal Reflection: We all have different personalities. How does your personality affect how you express gentleness?

1. (Verses 3-6) What are the wrong ways described in these verses as to how we should not share Christ?
2. Let's say you want a non-Christian to accept Christ as his savior, provide an example of how you would use tricks or flattery.
3. What verses outline Paul's motives for sharing the gospel. Briefly provide these motives.
4. (Verses 7-9) In a spiritual sense, Paul was like a “mother” to the Thessalonians. How so?
5. As Christians, we are to bring others to Christ through the sharing of the gospel. (a) Why are Christians hesitant to perform this command (Matthew 28:19-20)? (b) Could the hesitation be due to time? energy? embarrassment? vulnerability?
6. (Verses 10-12) In a spiritual sense, Paul was like a “father” to the Thessalonians. How so?
7. From your study of this lesson, how are evangelism and gentleness related?
8. What simple and practical ways can we encourage others to diligently work at having lives which pleases God?
9. Think of one person who you know (or knew) requires/required your energy and time to get (or keep) him/her on a path to show gentleness. How did you go about helping this person?
10. If you have ever doubted the faithfulness of God, what have you learned from this lesson to remove all doubt?