

Connection Group

MOVE PAST #1

- Why do the epistles generally start with the Identity of God and/ or who we are in God? For example 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4 mentions God in every verse and verse 1:7 mentions our living in light of God.
- Why is it essential to begin with God in order to understand life and the purpose of human existence?
- How is human value and worth determined with and without the existence of God?
- In 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6 we see the Thessalonians embracing the gospel. However, in Galatians 2:14, Peter denies the Gospel? How? Why did Paul tell Peter he was denying the gospel in this passage rather than just say Peter was being racist? How does the bigger picture of the gospel impact topics like racism?
- If Peter (an apostle) denied the gospel in his life, does this mean we are susceptible of the same faults? What are some of the pitfalls Christians face in denying the gospel? What are some of your own pitfalls? How can we overcome them? How might a verse like Ephesians 4:23 help you be faithful with the gospel?
- 1st Thessalonians 1:5 the gospel is said to be powerful? How does the gospel possess power for us today? How is it able to transform a person's life?
- 1 Thessalonians 1:7 calls believers "models or examples"? What exactly are believers modeling? How does your example or modeling demonstrate the Gospel in a healthy way? When do you model? What type of example do you set? How do you become the type of example/Model God desires?

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Further Personal Study: on modeling or being an example
Read Romans 12:1-21. How do we renew ourselves and how does a renewed life live?

Read Galatians 2:11-21 How is the gospel overcome Racism and legalism?

Read Ephesians 4:17-32 expresses the need to renew ourselves. We are all susceptible to denying our faith (Gal 2:14). How do we renew ourselves?

Read 1st Thessalonians 1:1-8 How do believers best model the gospel?