

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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New City Sermons: The Noise We Make

INTRODUCTION

- What is your favorite noise?
- What are some examples of annoying noise and refreshing noise?
- As you observe and interact with the world around you, what would you say are the greatest needs of those who have not yet known about Christ?

This week we will be taking a close look at 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. We have received so much from our Father in Heaven. We have much to pass on to those around us as well. Let's begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to prepare you to receive his word, and his message, and that the truth will have an impact on your heart and mind and bear much fruit. Here are some verses to meditate upon as you pray and prepare your heart.

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

INTO THE BIBLE

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- What are some of the things you learn about Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy from these verses?
- Describe the relationship you observe between these men and the church of the Thessalonians.
- List all the things Paul remembers, and is thankful for, about this church.
- What are some of the changes that occurred as a result of this relationship between Paul and the Thessalonian church?
- What were the results of this church's faithfulness to God?

- What do you think Paul may have meant (v. 5) by the phrase, “we came to you not only in word, but also in the power and in the Holy Spirit, with full conviction”?
- What are some of the evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit that are described in verses 1-10?
- What might Paul mean by the phrase “sounded forth from you” in verse 7? (ESV)

APPLICATION

Travis stated that we all have a “noise to make” to others about what God has done for us.

- In your own perspective, what might the term “noise” mean in your own life?
- In what ways do you struggle with what you have to offer?
- In what ways could your unique personal testimony, and your story, impact others around you?
- Where do you suspect that the Holy Spirit might want to do a work in your heart in “making a noise” to those around you?

“Our converts are our best advertisements and arguments.” -Spurgeon

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Isaiah 55:10–12