

# GOOD NEWS

## *1 Thessalonians 2:1-13*

### **Starting point:**

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

### **OVERVIEW**

Pastor said the Good News we call the Gospel comes from the GREEK word EUANGELION that was normally used for THE WORD OF VICTORY on the battlefield.

- Discuss what Pastor said about how/why this term was used.
- Why is the Good News, the Gospel, not dependent on politics, sports, entertainment or our feelings?
- What is *1 Cor. 15:12-22* telling us?
- Why does the Gospel sound strange to people of the world who are depending on what this world has to offer?
- What does *1 Cor. 1:18-30* tell us?

### **REFLECTING BACK ON OUR STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF JAMES**

Reflect on the *Epistle of James* and discuss the learning points and action points from this Epistle.

- What is the purpose of long-term trials?
- James says, "be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourself."  
How have you applied the Word of God to your life?
- Are you able to take down your giant of a bad habit(s) that might be destroying your joy in the Lord?
- What are the two steps Pastor gave us that will help take down our giants?

## **REFLECTING BACK ON OUR STUDY OF THE EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS**

Reflect on the *Epistle to the Galatians*.

- What were the learning points/action points of this Epistle?
- What does Paul challenged to do?
- Why is it important for us to give our personal testimony?
- What did we learn about “being soldiers of Christ”?
- What did we learn about God’s promises?

## **REFLECTING BACK ON OUR STUDY OF THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS**

Reflect on *First Letter to the Church of the Thessalonians*.

- What were the learning points/action points of this letter?
- What was Paul teaching regarding church leadership?
- The Thessalonians welcomed Paul’s teaching as God’s Word not man’s word.  
What difference did that make for them?
- What do we learn from *Matt 13:10-15*?
- Why did some people not take the Gospel seriously?
- Has this ever happened to you?

## **APPLICATION**

- What does *2 Peter 1:3* tell us we should do?
- What do we learn about our faith walk from *Titus 2:11-13*?

## **REFLECT ON YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THIS PAST YEAR**

- What have you learned from studying the Epistle of James, Epistle to the Galatians and the First Letter to the Church in Thessalonica that you have put into your daily walk with God?
- How is your walk with the Lord today different than it was last January?
- How has your faith in His Word and His Walk grown this past year?
- What do you need to do to move forward with your faith walk?