

# CHRISTIANS ON DISPLAY

1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *What are some items in your house that you keep on display? If you're meeting in your home, take a few minutes to share a few of these items with your group and talk about why they are important to you.*

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6. In his message, Pastor Pat reminded us of **three evidences that you are really saved**.

### Introduction:

- Ephesians 2:7 tells us that God will one day “show off” His children as a display of His glory, but verse ten shows us that Christians are His masterpiece (His “workmanship”) right now.
  - *Have you ever thought of yourself as a masterpiece, a piece of art, or something that God puts on display for the world to see? Why do we sometimes have a hard time seeing ourselves that way?*
  - *According to Matthew 5:16, what should our motivation be when we shine as a light in the world?*
- Pastor Pat said, “The greatest insult in the world is for someone to doubt your salvation.”
  - *As a group, reflect on this statement. Agree/Disagree? Why do you feel that way?*

### Three evidences that help you know if you are really saved (1 Thessalonians 1:4-7):

#### 1. By the Gospel's miraculous impact in you (vs. 5)

- When God saves someone, the powerful impact is undeniable. *In one or two sentences, explain how the Gospel's power has changed the way you think, feel, act, spend, speak, etc.*
- In Romans 1:16, Paul said that he was “not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” *Look back over the past few weeks of your life - have you been ashamed of the Gospel or is there evidence of God's saving power in your life?*

#### 2. By the Spirit's deep impact to you (vs. 5)

- *In your group right now, take a few minutes to talk about the core of the Gospel together - what truths do you have to believe to be saved?*
- *Are you convinced of the truth of the Gospel?*

#### 3. By the expansive impact from you (vs. 6-7)

- The Thessalonians were mimics of Paul (who imitated Christ) and then became models to others. *Who are you imitating?*
- Whether you know it or not, you are a model to those around you. *What would your family, your Cell Group, your church, your community be like if everyone lived just like you do?*
- *Are other people being impacted by the power of the Gospel in your life?*

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your life will be a beautiful picture of the Gospel - on display for all to see.

