



Title: Growing Together in the Word of God

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

The inspired Word of God works powerfully to save and sanctify even when the world is working to oppose it.

1. The Word of God's Identity

- 1) Not the Mere Word of Men
- 2) Really the Inspired Word of God
- 3) The Inerrant Foundation of Our Faith

2. The Word of God's Ability

- 1) The Word Saves Those Who Receive
- 2) The Word Sanctifies and Renovates the Heart
- 3) The Word Overcomes Opposition

Discussion Questions:

1. What impact has the Bible had on you?
2. What do you think is meant by Paul's phrase "the word of men"? Why is it important that the Bible is more than the mere "word of men"?
3. How would you explain the doctrine of "inspiration" and why it matters for the Christian faith?
4. What kind of "work" is the Word of God doing in the Thessalonian church? In what ways do you think God's Word has been specifically working in you lately?
5. What should we do when our Bible reading doesn't seem to make a difference or we just can't "get anything out of it"?
6. Have you ever done a home renovation project? How is the Word's work like a renovation project?
7. We may often find people who *reject* the Word of God and at times even actively *oppose* it? What should be our response in these situations and to these people?