

Life Group Questions

(1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

1. John Maxwell says that ***“The true measure of leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less.”*** Howard Hendricks says, ***“A Leader is a person who influences people to accomplish a purpose.”*** If these statements are correct in what way does that change how we live in the areas and responsibilities God has given us?
2. Why do many people view Christians as hypocrites or fake? Where is your major battle with Godly integrity on the heart level?
3. What is the motivation for Paul’s sharing with them? What does it mean to be ***“entrusted with the gospel”*** (v4)? Are we entrusted with the gospel?
4. Look at what verse 4 says, why do you think it was important for Paul to say this? What are the implications for us? Are you honestly motivated by a desire to please people or to please God? What keeps you from a life of total obedience?
5. How did Paul challenge the Thessalonians to examine the integrity of his life? What does it mean when Paul says that God ***“examines”*** our hearts?
6. Do people in the church or small group see you as a person who is willing to go the distance for Christ? What does this sort of commitment look like? How did Paul go the distance for the Thessalonians?
7. How is it liberating to know that God knows everything about your life?