

# THANKSGIVING FOR FAITH

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Acts 17:1-9

## INTO THE TOPIC (OPENING):

What teams (or organizational groups) did you belong to as a child? Which ones made you the proudest? Why?

## INTO THE WORD (STUDY):

1. What do you know about the Thessalonian church from Paul's experiences in Acts 17:1-9?
2. What convinced Paul that that Thessalonians were indeed chosen by God?
3. How did they first become imitators, and then models, of the faith (vv. 6-10)? What does this tell you about their growth in Christ?
4. In an age without mass and social media, how do you suppose their faith became so legendary?

## INTO MY LIFE (APPLICATION):

1. What kind of "model" are you in matters of faith: Still on the drawing board? A work in progress? Secured in a private collection? On display at the National Museum?
2. Which of the qualities in verse 3 do you most wish to see developed in your life now? How can the group help?