

Create a Welcoming Space

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7–12

Lesson Goals

- Answer the following question: **Why does how we treat people matter when we share God's Word?**
- **Describe how you would set up your meeting space to make people feel both welcomed and ready to learn.**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the people mentioned in this Bible reading?
2. What are the important objects or things in this Bible reading?
3. What places or locations are mentioned in this Bible reading?
4. Does this Bible reading talk about things in the past, present, or future?
5. What is the problem?
6. Is the problem solved?

Learn

7. What is the main theme of this lesson?
8. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
9. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
10. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

11. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

12. How did Paul and his team show love and care while sharing God's Word in Thessalonica?
13. What makes a group environment feel warm, safe, and welcoming for new people?
14. What small touches—like seating, lighting, or refreshments—could help your group feel more comfortable?
15. Why is it important to balance hospitality with keeping the focus on God's Word?
16. What distractions might make it hard for people to listen? How can you prevent them?

Lesson wrap-up

Why does how we treat people matter when we share God's Word?

Describe how you would set up your meeting space to make people feel both welcomed and ready to learn.