

## Faith, Hope, and Love – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

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### Bible References:

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

### Response #1:

- “receiving the word”  
1 Corinthians 15:1-3, Galatians 1:9-12, Philippians 4:9,  
Colossians 2:6, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2, 2 Thessalonians 3:6
  
- “Work”  
1 Peter 1:23, Luke 11:28, 2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:105,  
Psalm 119:25, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:28

### Response #2:

- Matthew 27:24-25
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Matthew 23:30-31

### Reflection Questions:

1. When is a time when you’ve responded differently to the same idea as someone else?
2. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:13-16.
3. On Sunday, we defined the “Word of God” as the gospel and apostolic teaching. In light of context 1 Thes 2:1-12, and how the same phrase is used in 1 Corinthians 15:1-3, Galatians 1:9-12, Philippians 4:9, Colossians 2:6, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2, and 2 Thessalonians 3:6, do you think that’s accurate?
4. On Sunday, we talked about subjecting the bible to our cognitive capacity, emotional bandwidth, and personal preferences. Where have you seen others do that? Where are you tempted to do that yourself?
5. On Sunday, we talked about how the “Word of God” works in us when we are subject to it rather than it being subject to us. Consider 1 Peter 1:23, Luke 11:28, 2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:25, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:11, and Psalm 119:28. Which of these aspects of the work of the word is most meaningful to you? How much do you feel like the word is at work in you right now?
6. How did the word at work in the Thessalonians enable them to endure hardship? Read Matthew 27:24-25 and Matthew 23:30-31. Which group of Jews is Paul referring to at the end of today’s passage from chapter 2?
7. How would you contrast their response with that of the Thessalonians?