

Bible Reading for Week of March 2, 2025

Monday, March 3 – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Why would Paul call the Christian message in verse 5 “our gospel”? Why not “Jesus’ gospel?” Salvation begins with the Lord (v.3) and requires the work of others! How does Paul provide a Christian model to imitate in verse 5?

Tuesday, March 4 – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

How does imitation prove calling (vs. 4, 6) What is wrong with the idea that I am called (or “saved” as many would say today) without a corresponding effort to imitate other godly Christians? When Paul tells the Thessalonians to imitate him, he intends that they not only imitate apostles and missionaries, but all godly Christians. How do you know that? (v.7)

Wednesday, March 5 – 2 Thessalonians 3

What specifically does Paul wish for the Thessalonians to imitate? Their lack of work was one of the few corrections he gave them. (See also 1 Thess 4: 9-12). Why did Paul go above and beyond in this area by not accepting support even though he had the right to do that, and in fact, received support from other churches? Where is the Lord calling you to be an example to imitate?

Thursday, March 6 – Philippians 3: 13-4:1

This is one of many imitation passages written by Paul. What does he want Philippian saints to imitate? How is Christian imitation of other godly believers different from learning from a coach in your everyday life?

Friday, March 7 – Mark 1: 14-20, 3: 13-19

How does Jesus train his disciples? How is Paul imitating Jesus when he tells Christians to imitate other godly Christians? Why is discipleship more than theological education? (Though see Colossians 1: 9-10, Titus 1: 1!). Where is God calling you to be discipled today?

Saturday, March 8 – Acts 4: 5-13

See how three years with Jesus changed these fishermen! It doesn’t matter how old or young you are. God calls you to imitate and be imitated by other Christians as you all follow Jesus. Ask Him to help you commit to discipling and being discipled today.