

Making Room - “The Mission”
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
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Making Room is more than a building, it’s clarifying our calling and mission.

“Helping one another know Jesus by sharing the gospel and our lives.”

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For you yourselves know, brothers,[a] that our coming to you was not in vain. 2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery,[b] as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle[c] among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

The gospel produces a certain kind of person.

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Christ centered.

Believing that people matter.

Sharing life together.

Serving others first.

Pursuing what’s next/ who’s next.

The gospel moves us from a sense of my own importance to an awareness of how important you are.

The church’s mission statement can be your mission statement.

Luke 15:20-24

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’[c] **22** But the father said to his servants,[d] ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. **24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

God comes for us.

God made room.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- When Paul writes 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, he describes the kind of person he was while he was with the church. Read the passage and draw out the qualities Paul expressed?
- Discuss the idea that the gospel forms a certain kind of person and as Paul writes about himself his giving us insight into our character.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8 begins, "So, being affectionately desirous of you..." What is Paul modeling for us?
- Do you have a personal mission statement? Consider the church's - "Helping one another know Jesus by sharing the gospel and our lives." If that mission statement was yours, what would change? At home? In your neighborhood? On your team? At work? At school? At church?
- When did you come to understand that God had "made room" for you, that He loved and pursued you?
- Imagine working out that mission together. When has partnering with another believer to help and share brought even greater joy and return?
- Spend some time praying in your Life Group that the gospel will continue to change and form us into the right kind of people.