

## MESSAGE NOTES

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### The Gospel has the power to... Make Us Models!

Who are your role models? Why?

Are you a role model to someone? Who?

How do you react to the “glass house” effect?

READ 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.*

I. \_\_\_\_\_!

In what ways were the Thessalonians molded by Christ?

How was this evident in their lives?

What things are molding our mindset and beliefs?

What is the result when we are not molded by Christ?

How will Christ mold you?

## II. \_\_\_\_\_!

How had the Thessalonians been a model to “all believers”?

Why do we need the power of the Gospel working in our lives if we are to be a model to others?

- Matthew 5:16 *“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

Give examples of how you can be a model of the Christian faith and life.

Give examples of how we as a congregation can be a model to the community of the Christian faith and life.