

## Deeper Life Notes

“Sharing Ourselves” (1 Thessalonians 2:7-20)

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### WARM UP

What are some ways - big or small - that you share yourself with others? Why?

*\*Sharing ourselves is a gospel thing to do.*

### READ

1 Thessalonians 2:7-20

### Three Ways to Share Ourselves:

1. Let's share ourselves like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>! (vv.7-12)

Background: Planting the church in Thessalonica (see Acts 17:1-9)

*Why might Paul be worried that his visit had been in vain?* (1 Thessalonians 2:1)

*What does it look like to share ourselves like a **mother**?* (v.7)

→ see also Matthew 5:7, 11:28, 19:14, Galatians 6:2, James 1:19

*What does it look like to share ourselves like a **father**?* (vv.11-12)

→ see also Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10

*How do we balance truth & love in our relationships?* (v.8)

→ see also John 8:2-11, Ephesians 4:15

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<sup>1</sup> mothers and fathers

## 2. Let's share ourselves as God's \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2!</sup> (vv.13-16)

\*Check out 2 Corinthians 5:20 for the designation of Christians as “ambassadors”

*How does God's word “work effectively” in us? What is our part to play? God's? (v.13)*

→ see Mark 4:1-20, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, Hebrews 4:12-13

As “God's churches in Christ Jesus,” we have a license to imitate each other! (v.14)

→ see 1 Corinthians 11:1

“God is rebuilding His kingdom **through obedient servants** for the purpose of cosmic restoration.”<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Let's share ourselves like \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4!</sup> (vv.17-20)

\*“We were forced to leave you” is literally “we were *orphaned* from you.” (v.17)

*How can we keep share ourselves when we're not together?*

\*Other believers - especially those who encourage us & whom we encourage - are our “glory & joy”! (v.20)

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<sup>2</sup> ambassadors

<sup>3</sup> Mark Jalovick, Cairn University

<sup>4</sup> good friends