

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from October 29, 2017
The Simple Christian
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3**

Observing the text

What was Paul’s involvement with the Thessalonian church (cf. chapters 2-3)?

What personal and/or theological concerns was Paul writing to address (cf. chapters 3-5)?

What does Paul praise the Thessalonians for (cf. chapter 1)?

What does Paul mean by:

- a. Work of faith
- b. Labor of love
- c. Steadfastness of hope

How did Paul live out these themes in his own life?

Applying the sermon

How do I “prove” God’s faithfulness in my life?

What do I think about Jesus’ love for me?

How do I value the hope in store for me?

What motivates me in my obedience to the Lord?

In what way does the Gospel “sound forth” in my life (cf. 1 Thess. 1:8)?