

The word at work in you

1 Thess 2v13-16

Sunday 17th January

- With the author
- Reasons to give thanks
- What's in the inbox? (v13)

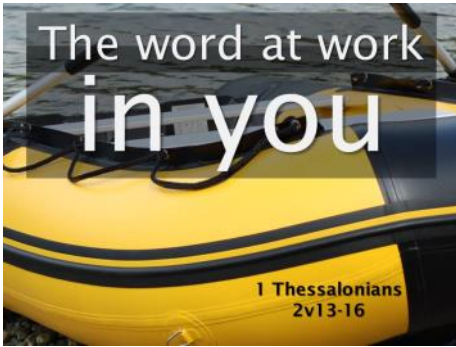


- **Suffering counts**

- **A life of listening**

Conversation starter:

Who do you look up to and why?



Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

- This might be embarrassing...but it shouldn't be. Paul is thankful for the work of the gospel in his readers lives. How are we thankful for those around us or in our group? Try and be honest...and not cheesy!
- In v13, Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians saw the word of God for what it is. Does how we see the Bible make any difference to life? How?
- Look back at chapter 1v2-10. What does the 'word at work in those who believe' look like? How have we seen and experienced these things too?
- What do we make of the way Paul speaks of suffering in v14-16? How does it make us feel? Are we prepared for this kind of life?
- What is it that keeps us going in our desire to hear from God through his word, even when it is hard and challenging? Where are the greatest areas of difficulty for us?

Take the opportunity to reflect for a few minutes and then spend some time praying for one another