

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: 230K by 2030

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**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...”

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** We are called to be ambassadors so others can find hope in Jesus.

## Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8

1. The church at Thessalonica was primarily composed of former pagans who turned to serve the living God (see 1 Thessalonians 1:9). Yet the church started with those who regularly visited the synagogue (Acts 17:1-4). This means the church continued to grow through everyday believers living on mission. Do you feel capable of living out the 230K by 2030 Vision? Why or why not? Which part of the vision feels most natural to you right now: serve, invite, or share? What feels most challenging?
2. Paul's ministry was fueled by a genuine "liking" of the people he served. Are there people in your life that you find difficult to genuinely like? What makes that challenging? Do your interactions with people you dislike take on a different tone because of your negative disposition towards them? Do you see this impacting your witness for Christ? What might be happening in your heart when it's hard to care for others?
3. Paul was eager to have gospel conversations. When you hear the word "gospel," what comes to mind? Why is it important that we share the gospel, not just general kindness or moral wisdom? What makes gospel



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conversations feel intimidating at times?

4. The gospel is meant to be shared through both our words and our lives, flowing from a heart that truly cares for others. Is it possible to share the truth while keeping our hearts locked behind a door? Which do you find easier to share: information and advice, or your personal struggles and presence? Why might sharing only the gospel without sharing your life feel hollow to the person receiving it?
5. Paul's approach was relational, not transactional. How have relationships played a role in your own spiritual growth? Why do you think people are often more open to spiritual conversations within relationships? Who in your life might benefit from a deeper connection with you?
6. Sharing life with others requires an investment of time. Every stage of life has things that can keep us too busy to invest in others outside of our core relationships. What "hurry" or "clutter" in your current schedule most hinders you from being available to others? How can busyness keep us from living on mission? How can you take steps to be more invested in relationships over busy calendars?
7. Paul's deep affection and shared life weren't just for the sake of friendship; they were so the Thessalonians would walk in a manner worthy of God (1 Thessalonians 2:12). Community without the gospel is just a social club, but gospel without community can feel distant. Is there a relationship in your life right now that is high on shared life (fun, hobbies, time) but low on shared gospel? What is one prayerful way you can "raise the spiritual temperature" of that relationship this week without it feeling forced or transactional?



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