
Between Sundays

August 2, 2020

Encouragement For End Times

“The Model Church”

I Thessalonians 1:1-4

How many cities have you lived in within your lifetime?

What was your favorite? Why?

Who wrote the first letter than was sent to Thessalonica?

What do we find is the main theme of this letter? 1:3, 10;
2:19; 3:13; 4:13-17; 5:1-2

What are the 3 things Paul commends them for in 1:3?

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Of these 3 commendations, which one is the easiest for you? The hardest?

When you read or hear about a “model church” what do you think of? How would you describe a model church?

Of the 3 things Paul commends them on [1] works [2] love [3] endurance, which do you think is needed most today?

The most widely used design can be found in most of those 75,000 congregations in American Protestantism that average 40 or fewer at weekend worship. When that number exceeds 35, anonymity and complexity begin to undermine that social network. When that number exceeds 40, it is easy to be absent, but not be missed.

This September Calvary will be 57 years old. As with all churches, she has experienced ups and downs. The late 80's saw the greatest surge in attendance. There has always been some growth and a few years where attendance plateaued. What has been your experience as a current member? In your mind, does the church reflect any of the three characteristics mentioned by Paul.

Write your description of a model church. Chances are your description will change with time, however somethings need to remain constant. Name two things that should never change about church