

# Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

NSP School of Life and Doctrine

Spring Session 2010

Week 1

Acts 17:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1-5

"I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers."

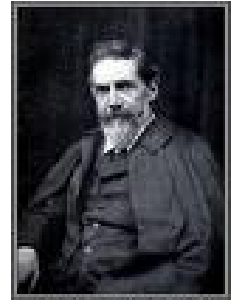


Fig. 8. Sir William Flinders Petrie

Impressions of the letter as a whole?

How the gospel comes

Turning, Serving, Waiting



## Small Group Discussion:

1. For the sake of “Bible study” what was helpful about reading the entire letter together out loud at once?
2. What do you think is Paul’s most major concern in this letter? What makes you think that?



*The Egnatian Way: The major Roman road that stretched across northern Greece through Philippi and Thessalonica.*

## From 1:1-10

3. What does Paul remember thankfully about the Thessalonians?
4. How might the signs of spiritual life that Paul recalls (v.3 – work of faith, labor of love, steadfast hope) take shape and show in your life and the collective life of NSP?
5. Why is Paul convinced that God has chosen these people?
6. What evidence would you expect to see when the gospel comes in the manner described in v.5?
7. From v.5: “You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.” Describe what these men (Paul, Silas, Timothy) might have been like and how it may have benefited the Thessalonians.
8. Why did the Thessalonians become “an example to all the believers” in the region?
9. The elements of conversion are listed in v.9-10: Turning to God from idols, Serving the living and true God, Waiting on Jesus. Which of these do you most struggle with right now? Why?