

A Model Church 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

Take-Home Truth: *Identity in Christ empowers believers to become model members who make up model churches.*

Christ-Connection: *Believers become model members by the work of the Spirit as they pursue intimacy with God.*

Hook: *(Ice-breaker question. Get the group talking!)*

1. Share about a time you experienced a case of mistaken identity.

Engage: *(Observe the passage and engage with the text)*

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 and briefly name some of the attributes of this church.

Reflect: *(Reflect upon the key take-aways from the sermon)*

3. Keith said If you are not empowered by Christ, culture will assign your identity. Where do you see this in culture and where are you prone to this personally?

4. How does identity influence your ability to:

- face opposition (v.6)
- influence the community (v.7)
- expand God's kingdom (v.8)
- wait on the Lord's return (v.10)

Respond: *(Apply the truths of God's Word to your heart, affections, and actions)*

5. Keith said waiting expectantly (v.10) describes a people who are busy about the Lord's work until the Lord returns. What work has the Lord called you to? How are you living God's call for you in your daily life?

6. What practical steps do you need to take this week to grow as a "model member"?