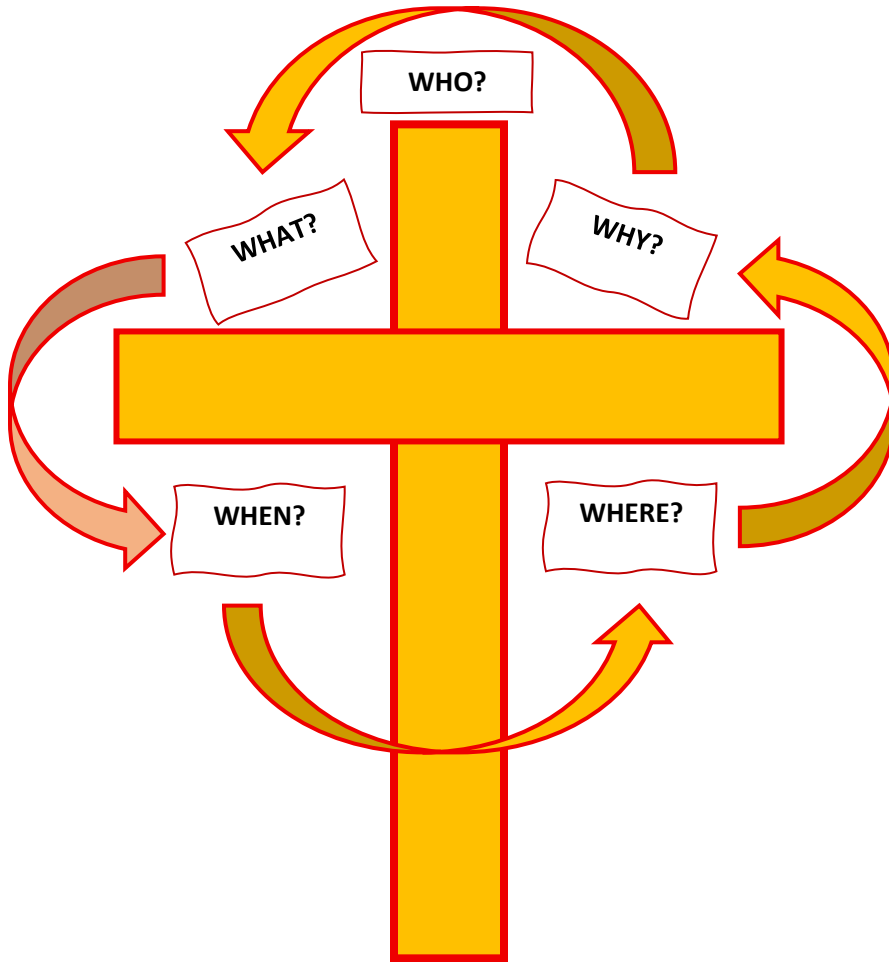


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- 1 - Gentile
- 2 - Contention
- 3 - Exhortation
- 4 - Covetousness
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I. MINISTRY BEGINS IN THESSALONICA

Acts 17: 1-14

1. What was Paul's customary approach when entering a new city, particularly when preaching to Jews?
2. How did Paul reason with the Jews in Thessalonica using the scriptures and what was the main point of his message?
3. What was the initial reaction to Paul's preaching in Thessalonica, did anyone believe?
4. Why did some of the Jews react negatively to Paul's message?

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II. POWERFUL AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY

1 Thess. 1:1-10

1. In this letter to the Thessalonian church how would you describe the *spirit* of Paul's letter and in what authority he was writing with?

2. In your opinion does Paul's greeting to the Thessalonian church reflect the gospel message and if so, how?

3. In Thessalonians 1:3, Paul identified some attributes of the Thessalonian church. In your own words, explain what Paul saw from them.

4. Paul, Silas and Timothy continually gave thanks and prayers for the Thessalonian believers. What can we, SDT learn from this?

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III. GOD-PLEASING MINISTRY

2 THESS. 2:1-12

1. In the book of Matthew it says, "You will know them by their fruits." In your opinion what "fruits" does a God-pleasing ministry demonstrate?

2. Ministry is about service *for* God and *to* God's people. What can we do to encourage and strengthen YOU in these dark and evil days?