

**GREAT COMMISSION MONTH**  
**“Sharing and Caring”**  
**1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

There are times when we have to care for the people that God brings into our lives. Parents care for their children, friends care for friends, spouses care for each other, children may have to care for their parents, bosses must care for their employees and so on. Today’s passage reveals how the apostle Paul and his team cared for the new believers in Thessalonica, which gives us many insights into how we can be more effective in caring for others.

**1. CARING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRES A \_\_\_\_\_,**

**vv. 1-2**

- A. Paul reminds them of the results of his visit
- B. Paul reminds them of his beating in Philippi
- C. Paul reminds them he shared the gospel in opposition

**2. CARING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRES BEING OUR \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**vv. 3-7**

- A. Paul is distancing himself from itinerate philosophers
- B. Paul had no error, impure motives, he wasn’t a trickster
- C. Paul spoke with God’s approval
- D. Paul wasn’t: a flatter, money-taker, a people pleaser
- E. Paul could have used his apostolic authority
- F. Paul & his team were like young children among them

**3. CARING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRES OCCUPYING DIFFERENT \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. They were like young children among you, v. 7a
- B. They were like a nursing mother, v. 7b
- C. They were like a father dealing with his children, vv. 11-12

**4. CARING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_ TOGETHER, v. 8**

- A. Paul “did life” with the Thessalonians
- B. Paul didn’t preach and run
- C. Paul was in it for the long haul

**5. CARING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRES BEING A \_\_\_\_\_ - NOT**

**A \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 9-10**

- A. Paul & his team worked at tent makers
- B. Paul & his team didn’t want to take money from them
- C. Paul & his team had integrity: holy, righteous & blameless

**NOTES:**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to tell the Jesus story with a caring heart, rather than just processing information?
2. Discuss the importance of being authentic and genuine when sharing the gospel and establishing relationships.
3. Discuss the different family roles we occupy in caring for people:
  1. Being like young children,
  2. Being a nurturing mother,
  3. Being an encouraging father.
4. Why is it important to be a giver rather than a take when sharing the gospel and establishing relationships?

# Welcome To Hillcrest Church

*Love, Acceptance,  
Forgiveness*

*Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to  
share with you not only the gospel of God  
but our lives as well.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:8*

**April 7, 2024**  
**Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK – NEW TEACHIING SERIES

Pastor Bruce will begin a new series about the mission of the church. April is Great Commission month, so we want to focus our attention on the global aspiration of God. We also want to be aware of how we can live “on mission” for the Lord.

We will also gather at the Lord’s table in celebration of his goodness.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Join pastors Bruce and Tim at 7pm in zoomland for Bible study and prayer. The Bible study is based on the discussion questions in the bulletin from the previous week’s sermon.

### NEW LIFE GROUP STARTS THIS THURSDAY – MARCH 28

For those who are interested we will continue meeting with the same format:

- Dinner at 5:45
- Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 – 7:30

The topic will be CPR – Caring, Praying, and Reaching out.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. Details are forthcoming.

### CPR+ TRAINING, SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 9AM – 4PM

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective. Write this down on your calendar, lunch will be served. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare. Childcare will be available.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – APRIL 15 @ 6PM

Meet at church and then visit our neighbors offerings a friendly invite to church.

### A FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH NEEDS HELP WITH FURNITURE

If you have any kitchen, bedroom, living room furniture, utensils, etc. See Kathy Brooks about details.

### CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

There is a handout at the SPOT that details our giving for the year. At present we are just slightly under what we have budgeted for the year. We appreciate your tithes and offerings. We have about \$10,000 left to pay off the loan for the roof.

### EAST INDIAN DINNER – APRIL 20 @ 5:30

This is our annual fund-raising dinner for missions and the Kibaale School in Uganda.

### GIVING TO THE EAST INDIAN DINNER & MISSIONS

YEAR	EID	YEAR’S TOTAL MISSIONS
2019	\$8,333	\$14,661
2020	Covid	\$5,751
2021	\$9,644	\$18,234
2022	\$11,560	\$19,433
2023	\$11,016	\$19,674

What can we give in 2024?

A more detailed report of missions giving is available at the SPOT.