

Reflections on Ecuador
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Matthew 25:31-46

Daily Bible Readings
August 3-9, 2009

Follow-Throughs

We have just concluded ten months of studying the biblical basis for our ten values as a church:

- **Biblical instruction**
- **Christ-centered worship**
- **Cultural relevance**
- **Authentic community**
- **Loving service**
- **Personal evangelism**
- **Prevailing prayer**
- **Healthy families**
- **Servant leadership**
- **Global impact**

One of the healthiest churches to which the apostle Paul wrote was the one in the city of Thessalonica. As you read Paul's first letter to this church, which of our ten values do you see expressed, either in Paul's exhortations or in the lives of the Thessalonian believers? Pray that these ten values may become more and more deeply rooted in our hearts, and more and more clearly expressed through each of our ministries.

Monday **I Thessalonians 1**

Tuesday **I Thessalonians 2**

Wednesday **I Thessalonians 3**

Thursday **I Thessalonians 4**

Friday **I Thessalonians 5**

Warm-ups

Saturday **Isaiah 42:1-9**

In Isaiah's time, a king's servant stood in a position of great importance. In these verses, take note of how many promises God made to care for those who serve the Lord. What terms express this servant's relationship to God?

Sunday **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Have you ever gotten stuck in life, and couldn't figure out a way to move forward? What hope do these verses give someone who is stuck and can't find a way out? What is

meant by a bruised reed he will not break and a smoldering
wick he will not snuff out?