



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

I Thessalonians 1: The Church in every sense of the word

1. The Church as People

The sermon emphasized that the church is a people, not a building or a program.

Where do you find it easiest—or hardest—to embrace being part of a community rather than practicing faith on your own? What might God be inviting you to change?

2. Your Presence Matters

We heard that each person's presence, gifts, and even burdens are part of how God builds the church.

In what ways do you see your gifts or life experiences contributing to the life of this church community? Where do you struggle to believe that you truly matter here?

3. The Church in a Place

The Thessalonian church was shaped by its city, culture, and history.

What are some unique strengths, challenges, or needs of our city and community? How do you sense God calling our church to love this place well?

4. Living the Kingdom Now

The Thessalonians lived in anticipation of Jesus' return, seeking to live the future Kingdom in the present.

What would it look like for you to "live the life of God's future" in your everyday relationships, work, or neighbourhood this week?

5. Sign, Instrument, and Foretaste

The church is called to be a sign pointing to Jesus, an instrument God works through, and a foretaste of the Kingdom.

Which of these three do you feel most drawn to right now—and which one challenges you the most? Why?

6. Power of the Holy Spirit

Paul reminds us that the gospel came not just with words, but with power through the Holy Spirit.

Where do you feel most aware of your need for the Holy Spirit's power in your life or in our church right now?

7. Becoming the Church in Every Sense of the Word

The sermon ended with a prayer to be God's people, in this place, living out His redemptive

purpose by His power.

If God were to answer that prayer fully among us, what do you think would look different in our church—or in you personally—six months from now?