

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Name (or maybe just describe if in a group) one or two people you are discipling or will seek to disciple. How can you be praying for him/her/them?
2. Name (or maybe just describe if in a group) one or two people who are discipling you or you will ask to disciple you. What godly example(s) do you see in his/her/their life/lives that you can imitate?
3. How should God's sovereignty give us confidence when discipling or being disciplined?
4. Do we treat our faith as an example to others or as just a personal matter? How can we grow in this area?
5. How should a life lived waiting for Christ look different than an unbeliever's life? How should it change our perspective?

Blanks: pray, constantly, validates, election, imitators, modeled Christ, Holy Spirit, examples, make disciples, repentance, Christ, MAKE DISCIPLES, BE DISCIPLES, WAIT FOR CHRIST



Series: DISCIPLESHIP—I Thessalonians
Lesson: Part 1 – An Overview of Discipleship
Passage: I Thess. 1:1–10

Background: Acts 15, 17

¹*Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.*

'grace and peace'

- **Disciplers** _____ **for their disciples. (vv2–3)**

²*We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of
you in our prayers;* ³*constantly bearing in mind your work of faith
and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in
the presence of our God and Father,*

- They prayed for them _____.
- Faith, love, & hope (I Thess. 5:7–8; I Cor. 13:13; Col. 1:3–5;
Heb. 10:22–24; see also Rom. 5:1–5; Gal. 5:5–6; I Pet. 1:21–
22)

1. 'works of faith' (Heb. 11; Ja. 2:14–26) –

2. 'labor of love' (αγαπή [agape]) –

3. 'steadfastness of hope' –

- **Disciplers rely on the One Who _____ them. (vv4–5)**

⁴knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; ⁵for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

- Their salvation is rooted in God's sovereign, loving _____.
- What was different about 'their gospel' –

- **Disciples are _____ . (v6)**

⁶You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

- They paid attention to their disciplers to the extent that they _____.
- True disciples can stand under tribulation because they have the _____.

- **Disciples are _____ . (vv7–10)**

⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

- ALL Christians are called to _____.
- The key ingredients to their story:
 1. Genuine _____
 2. Placing their hope in _____

What do we do with this text?

1. _____ . (cf. Tit. 2)
2. _____ . (cf. Prov. 27:17)
3. _____ .