

Building Disciples (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

Basic Training – Part 8

Life Church St. Louis – October 25, 2015

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Hebrews 5:12-13 (NIV) In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1. Share the _____ with others

1 Thessalonians 2:1 (NIV) You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure.

1A. Share the Gospel despite _____

1 Thessalonians 2:2 (NIV) We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition.

1B. Share the Gospel to please _____

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NIV) On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.

2. Care for _____ believers

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NIV) but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.

2A. _____ those you disciple

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV) We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

2B. _____ hard at discipling

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (NIV) Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

3. Disciple _____ believers

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (NIV) For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

3A. Be an _____ of following Jesus

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (NIV) You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

3B. _____ growing believers

1 Thessalonians 2:12 (NIV) encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think it is that many believers do not grow spiritually (Hebrews 5:12-13)?

In what sense should all believers be teachers of God's Word (Hebrews 5:12)?

In what ways does the Great Commission go beyond getting someone saved (Matthew 28:18-20)?

How can every believer be part of fulfilling the Great Commission?

1A. Why can opposition to the work we do for God tempt us to feel like a failure (1 Thessalonians 2:1)?

1B. How were Paul and his co-workers able to keep on sharing the Gospel, despite ongoing opposition (1 Thessalonians 2:2)?

1C. How can sharing the Gospel to please God not men, help us (1 Thessalonians 2:4)?

1D. What opportunities do you have to share the gospel?

2A. Why must we be careful in how we treat new believers (1 Thessalonians 2:7)?

2B. What stands out to you about Paul's relationship with the believers he disciplined (1 Thessalonians 2:8)?

2C. How is discipling new believers hard work (1 Thessalonians 2:8)?

2D. How can parents disciple their own children? What is the church's role?

3A. How is discipling like a father different than like a mother (1 Thessalonians 2:11)?

3B. In what ways is the lifestyle of the discipler important in their discipling ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 1:11)?

3C. Explain in your own words some of the ways that a growing believer can be disciplined (1 Thessalonians 2:12)?

3D. What are the advantages and disadvantages of discipling in large groups, such as in the Sunday morning service?

3E. What are the advantages and disadvantages of discipling in small groups?

3F. What are the advantages and disadvantages of discipling one on one?