

# Discipleship is Not a Program

*Model of Discipleship - A Study of 1 Thessalonians*

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

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## BIG IDEA: Disciples are loved and transformed by God.

Paul encourages the believers with evidences of grace in their lives.

### I. Loved by God (vv. 4-5)

#### 1. Chosen (v. 4)

- **1 Corinthians 1:7** What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?
- **Ephesians 1:4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
- **Deuteronomy 7:7-8** It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers,

#### 2. Called (v. 5)

a. **General Call (v. 5a)** - The announcement of the gospel message

b. **Effectual Call (v. 5b)** - The act of God, through the human proclamation of the gospel, summoning people to himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith.

- **Acts 16:14** The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:14** To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

See also: Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 7:6; Psalm 135:4; Isaiah 41:8-9; Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 1:6, 8:28, 30; 1 Corinthians 1:24, 26; Ephesians 4:1-4; etc...

#### 3. United (v. 4)

### II. Transformed by God (vv. 6-10)

## 1. Turn (v. 9b)

## 2. Follow (v. 6a)

## 3. Joy (v. 6b)

## 4. Model (vv. 7-10)

- **Acts 17:4-7** And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.
- **Luke 19:11-13** As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. 12 He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. 13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'
- **Colossians 3:5-6** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

## Benediction

**2 Thessalonians 3:5** | <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.