

1 Thess. 1:1-5 – Giving Thanks for the Impact of the Gospel

Observations

- The greeting (1)
- “We give thanks” (2-4)
 - 1) Who? To whom? For whom?
 - 2) When?
 - 3) How?
 - 4) For what?

Brethren beloved by God

- The “gospel came to you” (5)
 - 1) What gospel?
 - 2) How?

Interpretation

- Paul (and companions) pray _____ for the believers
 - 1) With _____
 - 2) With _____ spiritual character traits in view
 - 3) With _____
 - 4) With the _____ of brothers
- Paul is confident in the impact of the gospel in their lives because...
 - 1) It came with _____
 - 2) It came with _____
 - 3) It came with _____

Application

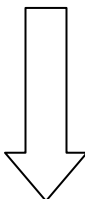
- Who is the group of believers that I pray for _____?
How can I pray _____ for them?
- Can I speak / live the gospel with _____

Discipleship and Disciple-Making

Concept – Use of the Term “Disciple” in the Gospel Accounts

_____ (Mark 2:18; John 9:28; 6:66)

 _____ (John 1:35-37)



Contrast: **Salvation** *versus* **Discipleship**
 (new birth) (committed)

Free.....
 Cost Jesus His life....
 Crisis.....
 Response.....
 Evangelism.....
 Confession.....
 Fruit in my life.....

Definition of _____ (context of a “committed” disciple)

- Pursuing a love _____ with Jesus characterized by both _____ and _____ what He taught.
- Transfer of the _____ of Christ in _____ to another so that he/she is _____ and _____ to do the same for others.

The Two Aspects Illustrated in Scripture

(Disciple) **Mat 11:28-30** ⇒ (Disciple-Maker) **Mat 28:18-20**

- Invitation: _____ Command: _____
- Jesus’ qualifications:
- Yoke:

A Reminder: The Example of Jesus’ Disciples

- Can I relate to them?
- Why did Jesus _____ them...us?