

1 Thess 1:6-10 – Giving Thanks for the Impact of the Gospel (2)

Observations

- You became _____ of us
- You became _____ of the Lord
- You received the _____
 - 1) How?
 - 2) Result?
- ... You became an _____
 - 1) To whom?
 - 2) How?
Your _____
Your _____ of us
Your _____ - You turned from _____ to _____ God
Your _____ of the future

Interpretation

- Encourage believers to _____ those who follow Christ
 - 1) Point them to _____
 - 2) Be a _____ for new/young believers
 - 3) There is no example like one who stands in _____.
- It all begins with _____ the _____ of God
 - 1) But it is often not _____
 - 2) Evidence that God is at work:
- What are other evidences of genuine conversion?
- We are saved *from* _____ (2:16; 5:9; 2 Thess 1:7-10)

Application

- For whom does God want me to be a _____?
- Do I _____ the Word...or _____ it?
- When is the last time I took a stand when it was _____?

Discipleship and Disciple-Making – Review and Discussion

1. We showed at least 3 different categories of persons that the Greek word *mathetes* (= disciple) describes in the gospels:

1) Curious 2) Convinced 3) Committed

Do a little review by defining each of these terms.

2. Consider further the contrasts between Salvation and Discipleship.

Salvation (*new birth*)

Free

Cost Jesus His life

Crisis

Response

Evangelism

Confession

Fruit in my life

Discipleship (*a committed disciple*)

Costly (from my viewpoint)

Costs me my life

Progressive

Responsibility

Edification (baptizing and teaching)

Commitment

Fruit in my life **and** in others

- A. On which side of the ledger would you put...

1) "Of grace"?

2) "Of faith"?

Explain the reasons / Scriptures for your answers.

- B. What other contrasts would you make between the two?

- C. Is *committed discipleship* an **option** for one who has experienced the new birth? Explain your answer.

3. Consider the two aspects of *committed discipleship* as defined:

Being a disciple - Actively pursuing a love relationship with Jesus Christ characterized by both learning and living what He taught.

Being a disciple-maker - Transfer of the life of Christ in me to another so they are both motivated and equipped to do the same.

What should be the role of the Local Church w/r/t these 2 aspects?

4. Go back to item #1 above:

A. Where are **you** (now) on the *discipleship continuum*?

B. Where would you like to be?

C. Is there a step for you to take in light of your answers above?