



Discipleship

Model - Assist - Watch - Leave

In 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10, Paul provides the framework that Time to Revive seeks to establish for discipleship in each reviveCITY. The disciple-makers will **model** for the new disciples how to follow Christ, **assist** the disciples in their own journey of being a Christ-follower, **watch** and affirm as the disciples replicate this model, and once appropriate, **leave** the disciples so that both may continue making new disciples.



"For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance (v.5a)..."

You know what kind of men we were among you for your benefit, (v. 5b)...

and you became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit (v. 6)...

As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia (v. 7)."

1 Thessalonians 1:5-7

1. MODEL- First the disciple-maker will **model** for the new disciple how to be a follower of Christ. This modeling happens through personal interaction as the two participate in everyday life together. This modeling will include going out to share the Gospel.

2. ASSIST- Next the disciple-maker **assists** the disciple as he or she seeks to follow Christ in his own decisions and actions. Instead of giving answers and telling the disciple what to do, the disciple-maker challenges the disciple by asking questions and guiding the disciple to personal discovery through prayer and Bible study. The disciple-maker assists the disciple in sharing the Gospel to make even more disciples.

3. WATCH- As the disciple gains strength and confidence in his or her walk with the Lord, the disciple-maker steps back and **watches**, allowing the disciple to fail and succeed in life's challenges and then offering feedback and affirmation. The disciple-maker watches and encourages as the disciple shares the Gospel on his own.

4. LEAVE- When appropriate, the disciple-maker **leaves** the disciple, sending him or her out to share the Gospel and make new disciples as he continues following Jesus.

