

Sermon Notes – August 9, 2020

Imitators (*I Thessalonians 1:6-8*)

- I. Disciples are IMITATORS.
 - A. Paul, the human example.
 - 1. His totality of life. (*I Corinthians 4:16; 11:1*) (*Philippians 3:17*)
 - B. Jesus, our ultimate example.
 - 1. God, the Son.
 - 2. Full of grace and truth.
 - 3. Sacrificial death; miraculous resurrection.

- II. Discipleship is RECEPTION.
 - A. Receiving the Word of God.
 - 1. The Logos of God. (*John 1:1-5, 12-13*)
 - 2. The written Word of God. (*Luke 24:24-27*) (*2 Timothy 3:16,17*)
 - B. Receiving the plan of God, with joy. (*Philippians 4:9*)

- III. Disciplers REPRODUCE themselves.
 - A. By being examples of discipleship.
 - 1. Imitating their spiritual leaders.
 - 2. Practicing their spiritual principles.
 - B. By proclaiming God's Word.
 - 1. Through a strategic location. (Egnatian Highway)
 - 2. Through a missionary spirit. (*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*)
 - 3. Through a good reputation. (*Proverbs 22:1*)