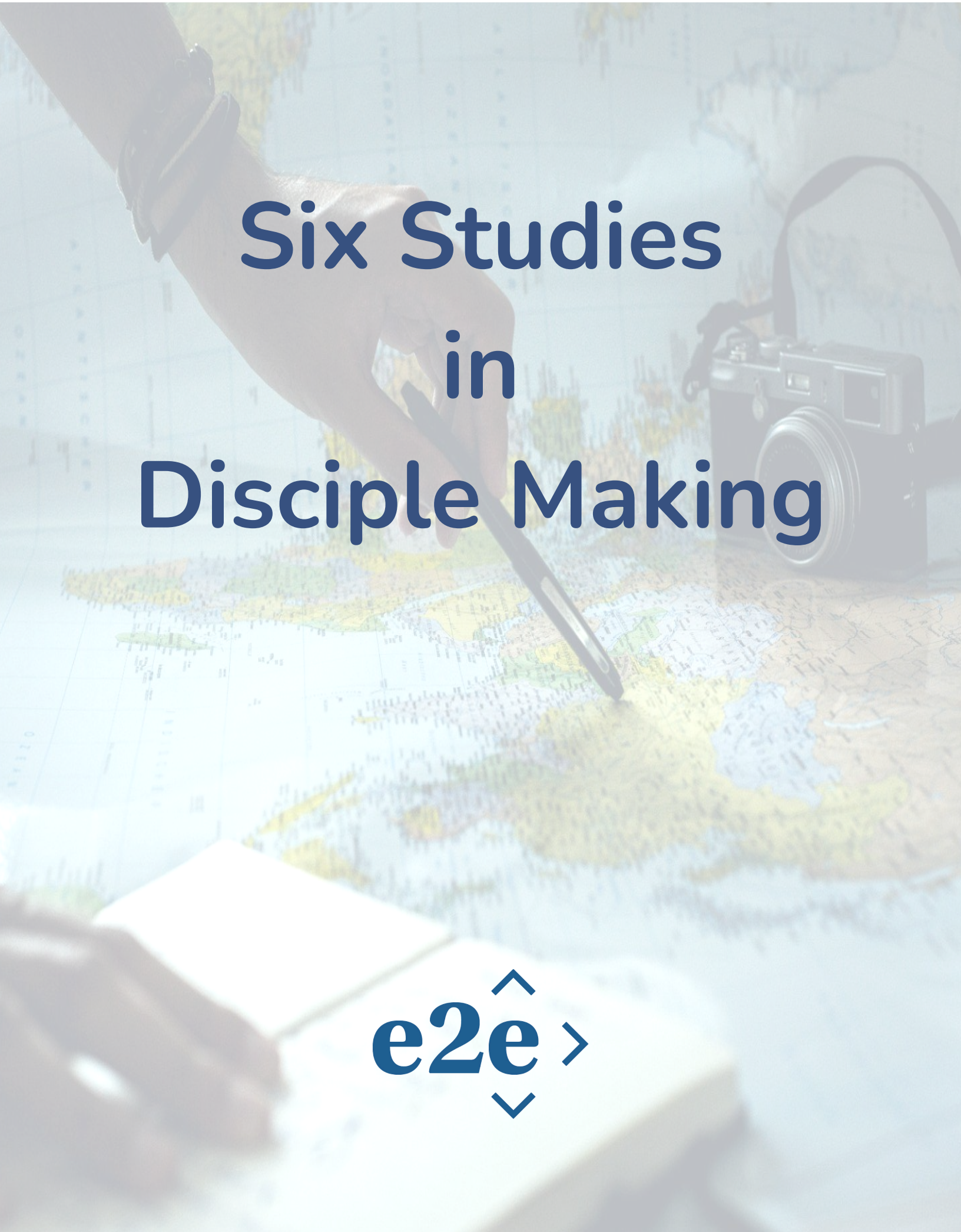

Six Studies in Disciple Making

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A Word Before

The lessons in this workbook were created to be used with a small group of believers. They can of course be used alone, but the group process creates a richer experience and more opportunity for encouragement and accountability.

The lessons are discovery based. I won't tell you what you should be learning but trust that as you interact honestly with the scriptures in community and allow the Holy Spirit to lead, you will experience the word of God working in your life to shape you.

There is a link to an article at the end of each lesson that I think will help fill in any gaps you may have. Feel free to read those before or after you work through the lesson.

Finally, I have added an appendix at the end with links to great websites and resources.

My hope is that this resource will encourage your faith and equip you to be a disciple of Jesus who is making disciples of Jesus.

May it bring glory to God!

Your fellow disciple maker,

Aaron Myers

The concern for world evangelization is not something tacked on to a man's personal Christianity, which he may take or leave as he chooses. It is rooted in the character of the God who has come to us in Christ Jesus. Thus, it can never be the province of a few enthusiasts, a sideline or a specialty of those who happen to have a bent that way. It is the distinctive mark of being a Christian.

- James Stuart Stewart

The Father's Heart

Assignment: By yourself or in groups of 2-6, read each passage below and write a simple summary of what the passage reveals about God's heart and desire for our world.

Passage	What does this passage reveal about God's heart and desires for our world?
Genesis 12:1-3 (focus on 3b)	
Exodus 9:16	
Isaiah 49:6	
Psalms 67:1-7	
Psalms 86:9	
Habakkuk 2:14	
Malachi 1:11	
Galatians 3:8	
Matthew 24:14	
John 17:13-19	

Luke 15:1-10	
1 Timothy 2:3-4	
Revelation 5:9	
Revelation 7:9	
Revelation 22:1-5	
2 Peter 3:9	
Matthew 28:18-20	
Acts 1:8	
2 Corinthians 5:18-20	

1. What are the basic desires of God for our world?

2. Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. In verse 10 Jesus says to pray, "*Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*" In light of these verses, what do you think it would look like if God's kingdom came and His will were done completely in your context (your family, neighborhood, city or region)?

For Further Exploration

The following Scripture references reveal God's heart for all ethnic groups: "all nations," "all peoples," "all mankind," "all creation," "every creature," "every knee," "every tongue," "men of every language," and "the world."

Old Testament Passages

Genesis 12:3 - Genesis 18:18 - Genesis 22:18 - Genesis 26:4 - Genesis 28:14 - Exodus 9:16 - Joshua 4:24 - 1 Kings 8:43 - 1 Kings 8:60 - 1 Chronicles 16:23 - 1 Chronicles 16:24 - 2 Chronicles 6:33 - Psalm 2:8 - Psalm 22:27 - Psalm 33:8 - Psalm 47:1 - Psalm 48:10 - Psalm 64:9 - Psalm 67:2, 3 - Psalm 67:7 - Psalm 72:11 - Psalm 72:17 - Psalm 82:8 - Psalm 86:9 - Psalm 96:1 - Psalm 96:3 - Psalm 97:6 - Psalm 98:3 - Psalm 102:15 - Psalm 117:1 - Psalm 145:21 - Psalm 148:7, 11 - Isaiah 2:2 - Isaiah 25:6 - Isaiah 25:7 - Isaiah 34:1 - Isaiah 40:5 - Isaiah 42:10 - Isaiah 43:6 - Isaiah 45:22 - Isaiah 45:23 - Isaiah 49:6 - Isaiah 52:10 - Isaiah 56:7 - Isaiah 61:11 - Isaiah 66:18 - Isaiah 66:20 - Isaiah 66:23 - Jeremiah 3:17 - Jeremiah 33:9 - Ezekiel 39:21 - Daniel 7:14 - Zephaniah 2:11 - Zephaniah 3:9 - Haggai 2:7 - Zechariah 8:23 - Zechariah 9:10

New Testament Passages

Malachi 3:12 - Matthew 24:14 - Matthew 28:19 - Mark 11:17 - Mark 13:10 - Mark 13:27 - Mark 16:15 - Luke 2:31, 32 - Luke 3:6 - Luke 24:47 - John 17:23 - Acts 1:8 - Acts 2:17a - Acts 3:25b - Acts 10:35 - Acts 13:47 - Romans 1:5 - Romans 14:11 - Romans 15:11 - Romans 16:26 - Galatians 3:8 - Philippians 2:10, 11 - 1 Timothy 2:3, 4 - 2 Peter 3:9 - 1 John 2:2 - Revelation 5:9 - Revelation 7:9 - Revelation 12:5 - Revelation 14:6 - Revelation 15:4

Article: The Father's Heart

Disciple-makers first teach people the Word of God so they will know what to obey. Second, they train people in the skill sets necessary to be an obedient follower of Christ so they will know how to obey. And third, disciple-makers equip people to their full capacity to serve God and others so they demonstrate lives of consistent obedience and make more disciples.

-David and Paul Watson

Defining Disciples

Assignment: Alone or in a group of 2-6, read the following passages from scripture. For each, answer the following questions with a few words or a short phrase.

Passage	1. What are the principles or characteristics that we discover in this passage about being a disciple of Jesus? 2. Who are disciples?
Matthew 4:18-20	-immediate response to obey Jesus, - Peter and Andrew (anyone who is willing to put everything aside and follow Jesus)
Matthew 7:24-27	-hears the teaching of Jesus and puts it into practice (applies it to their life, obeys it) - everyone or anyone
Matthew 8:18-22	
Matthew 10:1	
Matthew 16:13-16	
Matthew 19:16-30	
Matthew 20:26-28	
Matthew 28:16-20	
Mark 4:26-29	
Mark 16:15-16	

Luke 5:27-28	
Luke 10:1	
Luke 14:25-27	
Luke 19:1-10	
John 6:60-71	
John 14:12	
John 14:15-21	
John 14:26	
John 15:1-17	
John 15:20	
John 17:15-19	
John 17:20-23	
Acts 1:8	

Acts 2:1-4	
Acts 2:41	
Acts 2:42	
Acts 2:44	
Acts 2:45	
Acts 2:46-47	
Acts 4:13	
Acts 5:41	
Acts 8:1	
Acts 8:3	
Acts 8:4	
Acts 11:19-21	
Acts 12:5	

Acts 13:1-3	
Acts 18:26	
Acts 19:8-10	
Acts 20:4	

*This is not an exhaustive survey of the Gospels and the Book of Acts. To truly discover the Biblical view of being a disciple, consider reading through the Gospels and the Book of Acts three to four times in the next month, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what His idea of what being a disciple means.

1. In light of all of the scriptures you have just explored, write a short paragraph describing what a disciple of Jesus is and does.

2. What is one thing you will do today to align your life with your definition of a disciple of Jesus?

Article: The Coin of Discipleship

To reach the nations we must have a vision for our own disciples' fruit surpassing that of our ministries. As the Spirit leads, this vision for propelling others beyond us is the only means of changing a nation or completing the Great Commission. We must multiply ourselves, and those we train must do the same.

-Nathan Shank

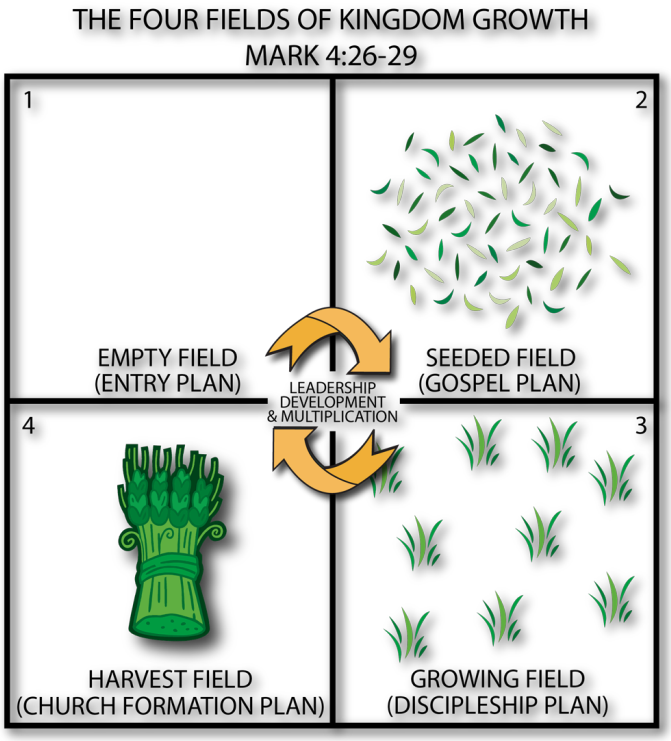
Four Fields Framework

Assignment: Read Mark 4:26-29 by yourself or out loud with a group. Read it aloud three times, using different versions if available.

Have everyone in the group take turns retelling the parable in their own words.

Discuss:
What is the main point of the parable for the disciples?

What is needed to expand the kingdom of God?



Field #1 - The Empty Field - The farmer enters an empty field.
Key Question: How do I identify and enter a new field?

Field #2 - The Seeded Field - The farmer scatters seed on the ground.
Key Question: What do I say to share the gospel?

Field #3 - The Field of New Life - The farmer is there to observe and tend to the growing crop.
Key Question: How do I make disciples?

Field #4 - The Harvested Field - Eventually a season of harvest comes and the farmer is there to cut and bundle the harvest.
Key Question: How do I form new believers into groups or churches?

Leader Multiplication - Generational Multiplication Potential - Out of the harvest comes both fruit for this year and seed for the coming growing season.
Key Question: How do I develop and multiply movement leaders?

Article: The Parable of the Growing Seed

“God’s Superplan is the redemptive story of God, rooted in eternity, recorded in the Bible, and realized even today. God’s Superplan transcends our strengths and weaknesses, victories and sufferings, ideas and efforts. In dramatic ways, God is drawing people into knowledge and love of him from all peoples and areas of the world. This redemptive story is one God does not keep to himself. Instead, he beckons us to leave our mundane, small plans to join him in his Grand Narrative."

- Chris Clayman

Four Fields Principles

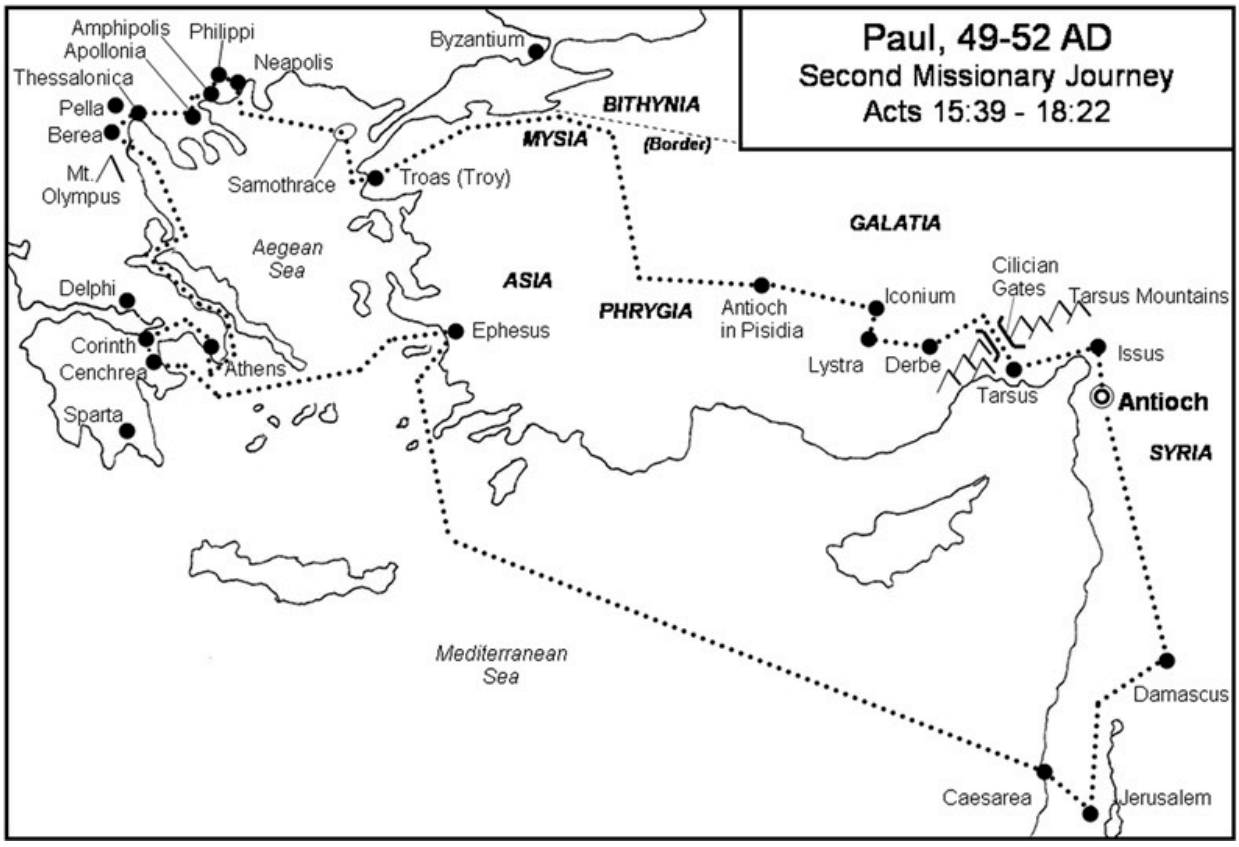
In the Establishment of the Church in Thessalonica

Background

The book of Acts is the story of the expansion of the church for the first 30-40 years after the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. One of the main leaders of this missionary work is the Apostle Paul. Paul took a number of journeys which carried him across much of what is today, Turkey, Greece and Italy. On his second missionary journey (see map), Paul spent three weeks in Thessalonica before he was chased out of town (Acts 17:1-10). A few months later he sent Timothy, one of his assistants back to visit the believers in Thessalonica and then wrote the church their two letters (1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians).

Assignment

What can we discover about entry strategies, gospel strategies, discipleship strategies, church planting strategies and leadership development strategies from the establishment of the Thessalonian church?



Read the following passages out loud with your group. Start by summarizing in a few sentences what was happening in the passage in the chart below. Jot down all the examples of the five parts of the four fields that you find within the passages. You may have to dig beneath the surface a bit. You may not find examples of each field in each passage.

Passage	Context: What is happening?
Acts 17:1-10	
Acts 20:4	
Acts 27:2	
1Thess. 1:1-10	
1 Thess. 2:7-12	
1 Thess. 3:1-5	
1 Thess. 4:9	
2 Thess. 1:11-12	
2 Thess. 2:15	
2 Thess. 3:9	

Entry Strategies:	Gospel Strategies:
Church Planting Strategies:	Discipleship Strategies:

Leadership Development Strategies:

Article: Is Church Planting Even Biblical?

“We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer.”

— Wesley Duewel

Disciple Making Prayer

The Place of Prayer in the Disciple Making Strategies of Jesus and Paul

Background
Jesus and Paul spend a tremendous amount of time investing in individuals, small groups of disciples and churches.

Assignment
Read the following passages to discover one of the primary discipleship strategies used by both Jesus and Paul.

Passage	Observations
Mark 1:35	
Luke 11:1-4	
John 17:6-20	
1 Corinthians 1:4-6	
Ephesians 1:16-18	
Philippians 1:9-11	
Colossians 1:9-12	

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3	
1 Thessalonians 4:9b	
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12	
1 Timothy 2:1-3	
2 Timothy 1:3	
Philemon 6	

Discovery

1. What is the role of prayer in the disciple making processes of Jesus and Paul?
2. In general, how much is Paul praying for his disciples?
3. How much am I praying for those whom I am discipling?
4. How is the Lord inviting me to respond to these scriptures in my one life?
5. With whom can I share what I have learned? Who can I train?

Article: The Leading Edge of Paul's Disciple Making Strategy

Your fear is the greatest tool you will ever give to Satan. Overcoming your fear is your greatest tool against Satan.

-Nik Ripkin

Persevere Through Persecution

Assignment: Work through the following study by reading and then working to memorize the verses. Write what you learn beside each passage.

The Seat

The Seat of Persecution	It's expected that all believers will experience persecution.
Matt. 5:10-12	
1 Peter 4:12a	
The Backrest of Assurance	God knows me and I know God.
1 Peter 3:12	
John 10:27-29	
Romans 8: 38-39	

Four Strong Legs

God's Word	God's word is our final authority.
2 Tim. 3:16	
Hebrews 4:12	
Psalms 119:105	

Prayer	There is power in our prayers and in the prayers of the saints.
Hebrews 4:16	
1 John 5:14-15	
Romans 8:27-28	
Acts 12:1-16	
Evangelism	We share our faith regardless of persecution.
Acts 14:19-22	
Acts 16:25-33	
Acts 18:1-11	
Worship	Worship sustains us in persecution; use songs, memory verses and prayer.
Acts 16:19-25	
Psalms 115:2-3	

Article: Training Perseverance Through Persecution

Appendix

Everywhere to Everywhere Resource Page

Helpful Articles

- Rethinking the Great Commission
- Short Term Discipleship Plan
- A Centurion's Reputation
- Immersed in the Word of God
- How Can I Serve the King
- Your 15 Second Testimony
- Entering Fields of Lostness
- Your Personal Prayer Strategy
- Wig-Take 101
- What Will They Hear?
- Unleashing the Ordinary Saints
- Language Learning Workbook: Before You Move Overseas

Helpful Websites

- Crescent Project
- Embassy
- People Groups
- No Place Left Coalition
- Global Gates
- Sent Ones
- Movements that Change the World
- Multiplication Concepts Training Series
- Diaspora Coalition