**Unstoppable Discipleship**

1 Thessalonians 2:20 (HCSB) “*For you are our glory and joy!”*

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**Disciple - One who is following Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

**Discipleship - The process of growing in obedience to Jesus as Savior and Lord and helping others to do the same.**

**Unstoppable discipleship will require you to...**

**1. Give up your life (vs. 1-9)**

A. Paul’s obedience to Jesus brought much suffering (vs. 2)

B. Paul shared his very life with those he was investing in (vs. 8)

C. We must give up our lives to follow Jesus and to help others to follow Jesus.

**2. Guide others (vs. 10-12)**

A. Paul's guidance was balanced as a gentle mother (vs. 7) and an encouraging father (vs. 11).

B. The charge Paul gave to the followers of Jesus was that they would “walk worthy of God.”

C. We must be proactive and invest time to help others follow Christ.

**3. Go for the crown (vs. 13-20)**

A. Paul saw disciples of Christ as his joy looking forward to the return of Jesus.

B Presenting his converts to Jesus at the second coming is an integral part of Paul’s Christian hope. (ESV Study Bible)

C. Who will be there with us when we see Jesus?

**The 7 Levels of Discipleship:**

**Level 7** - Receiving Christ as Savior and Lord

**Level 6** - Close Proximity to Christians

**Level 5** - Church attendance only

**Level 4** - Church membership and small group attendance

**Level 3** - Active Involvement in a ministry

**Level 2** - Active involvement with a mentor

**Level 1** - Active involvement as a mentor

**Questions for Application**

1. Under what conditions did Paul share the gospel with the Thessalonians? (2:2)
2. What false charges had been made about Paul? (2:3-5)
3. How did Paul answer the charges against him? (2:3-5)
4. How were other traveling religious teachers deceiving people? (2:5)
5. How did Paul describe his relationship with the Thessalonians? (2:7)
6. What were Paul and his companions delighted to do? Why? (2:8)
7. In what way was Paul like a father to the Thessalonians? (2:11-12)
8. How did the Thessalonians receive the Word of God? (2:13)
9. How were the Thessalonians like the churches in Judea? (2:14)
10. What did Paul say would be his crown or reward at the Second Coming of the Lord? (2:19)
11. Why did Paul consider the Thessalonians his glory and joy? (2:20)
12. How can we judge the success or failure of our work with people?
13. What kind of opposition can we expect whenever we speak out for Jesus Christ?
14. How can investing your life in someone pay eternal dividends?
15. What personal accomplishments will count for something when we stand in the presence of Christ?
16. What practical things can we do to strengthen and encourage others in their faith?
17. In what ways can you share your life with others in your efforts to share Christ with them?
18. What can you do this week to make sure that you are trying to please God and not other people?