

D3: The Ministry - The Example of Paul, 1 Thes 1:5-10.

5 Ministry Statements to help us understand Discipline 3:

1. Ministry has only one message – the gospel, 1:5.

2. Ministry requires an uncommon messenger, 1:5.

- Paul says the gospel came to them, but it “did not come to you in word only, but also *in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction*.” What do these three prepositional phrases describe? There are 2 options:

1. The gospel message:

2. The gospel messenger:

3. Ministry involves imitation, 1:6.

4. Ministry must produce not only exemplary lives, but effective lives, 1:7-8.

5. Ministry labors for nothing less than repentance, 1:9-10.

- “They themselves” = Macedonians and Achaians and those in “every place.” “They themselves report.” What do they report? What was the report? 2 things:

1. About us:

2. About you: