

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from September 14, 2008 The Core of Discipleship Philippians 3:17**

#### **Observing the text**

How is it that Paul could say something like, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1)?

How do Ephesians 5:1 and Philippians 3:17 not contradict each other but compliment each other?

What are some of the foundational reasons why the church in Thessalonica was such a good example, according to 1 Thessalonians 1?

Spend some time in prayer examining what disqualifies you personally from setting a good example of Christlikeness. Also, think deeply about who you want to pattern your life after and why.

#### **Applying the sermon**

Upon studying Philippians 3, have you truly left everything and counted "all gain" as loss in order that you may follow after Christ and know Him as your Lord? What else needs to be transferred from the "gain" column to the "loss" column?

In what specific ways has God used Christ-like examples in your life the most? What have you learned from them lately?

Read through Titus 2:1-10 and write down how you can grow in being a "model of good works."

Is your life characterized by the desire to see Christ's name and fame spread into the world? How do you think God thinks you are doing at representing Him to the church, and to this fallen world?

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