

1 THESSALONIANS: TIME TO GET READY!

Preparing people for the coming of Jesus Christ
is the essence of discipling.

Background: Paul wrote this letter to a church that was being persecuted because they became Christians. He praised God for their faith and encouraged them to keep living to please God—especially in light of the second coming of Christ.

Why discipling people in light of the coming of Christ matters so much:

1. Turning from idols to serve God and wait for Jesus' coming is the _____
_____ (1).
2. Seeing God work in the people to whom we minister will _____ when
Jesus returns (2).
3. Preparing people to be blameless at the return of Christ is a worthy _____
_____ (3:1-4:12).
4. The promised return of Christ _____ Christians,
even in the worst of times (4:13-5:28).

Application: How can you put the Word into practice this week?