

The background is a photograph of a calm lake reflecting a dense forest on the opposite shore. In the foreground, a large, intricate geometric pattern is overlaid. This pattern consists of eight overlapping circles arranged in a circular formation, creating a flower-like or mandala-like design. The circles are filled with a light blue or lavender color, while the overlapping areas create darker shades of blue and purple. The overall aesthetic is serene and artistic.

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**The WHY:** 1:<sup>8</sup> *For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.*

**The WHAT:** 1:9b *and how you turned to God from <sup>[f]</sup>idols to serve <sup>[g]</sup>a living and true God*

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## What happened?

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### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 (NIV)

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. <sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We continually remember before our God and Father your **work produced by faith**, your **labor prompted by love**, and your **endurance inspired by hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Run, John, run, the law commands.  
But gives us neither feet nor hands.  
Far better news the gospel brings.  
It bids us fly and gives us wings.*

**- John Bunyan (1628-1688)**

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# THE GOSPEL ANCHORS AND ACTIVATES US

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“Gospel came to you... with power in the Holy Spirit”

- “work produced by faith...”
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- “endurance inspired by hope...”

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## NEW TESTAMENT:

“Disciple”- 269 times

“Believer”- 12 times

“Christian”- 3 times

### Acts 11:26b (NIV)

So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. **The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.**

## What is a **DISCIPLE**?

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### Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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## **1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)**

We loved you so much that we were delighted to **share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well,** because you had become so dear to us.

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- Intentional

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### **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.



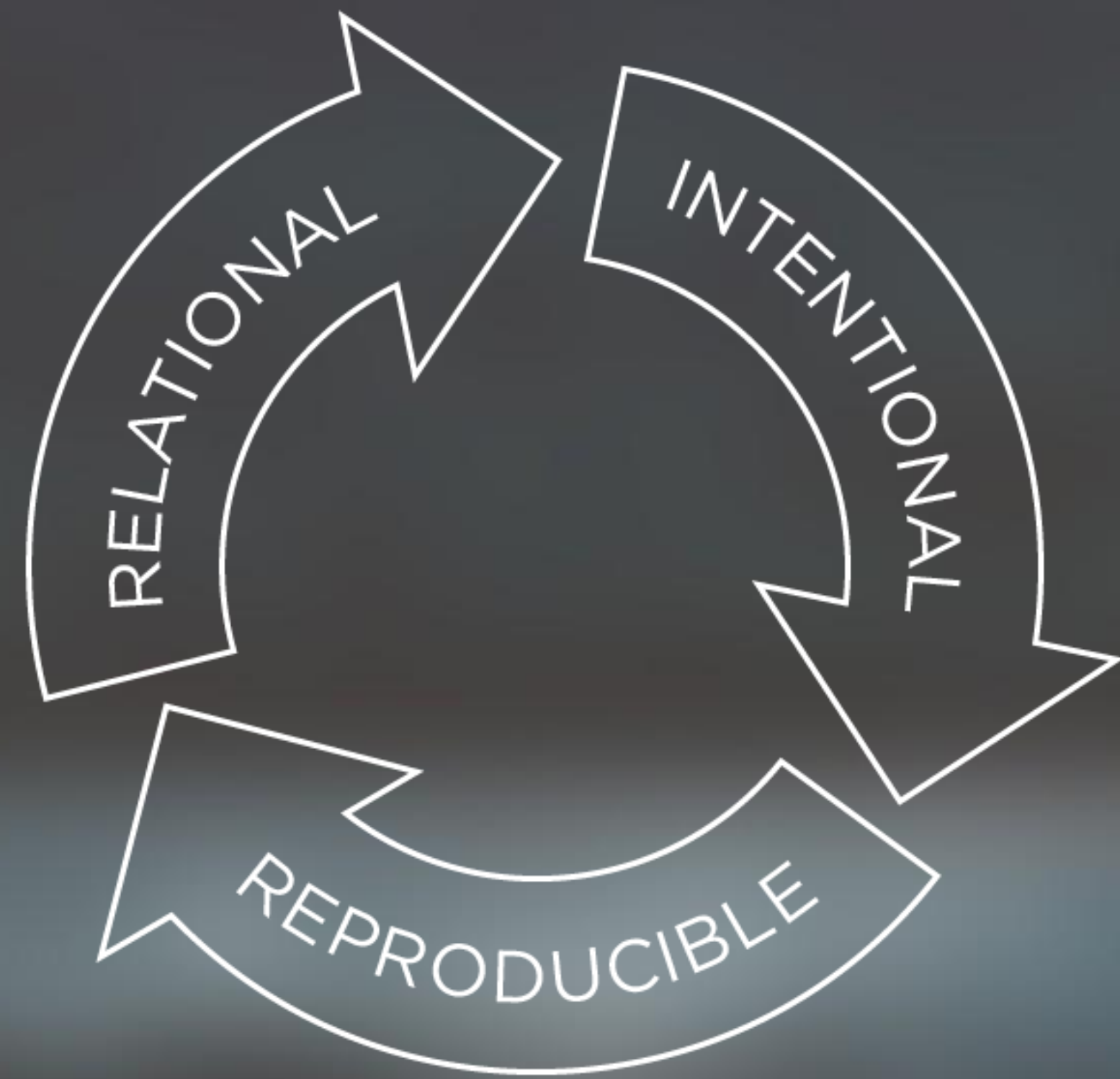
## What is DISCIPLESHIP?

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- Relational
- Intentional
- Reproducible

### 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 (NIV)

And **so you became a model** to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The **Lord's message rang out from you** not only in Macedonia and Achaia — **your faith in God has become known everywhere.**



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## Why DISCIPLESHIP?

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### 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (NIV)

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

### 3 John 4 (NIV)

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.