**DMM Level 1.5**

**How Paul did Church Planting** (a Case study from Thessalonica)

In this passage, Paul describes his church planting methods to the Thessalonians, a place where one CPM was occurring at the time. Many people think that the only thing needed is a good gospel presentation. Others suggest that if we have “power encounters” or perform miracles then churches will definitely emerge. Still others say “we must testify by our lives”. Apparently Paul thought all these options were wrong—and all were right. Spend time in a group considering this passage to discern hidden keys to Paul’s fruitfulness in church planting.

DBS: **1 Thess 1:1-2:12**

1) Read then find the answers to the following questions:

* Why does Paul praise the Thessalonians?
* In what ways does Paul say they are an example to others?
* How does Paul describe his motivation?
* Who was Paul working with at that time? (Compare Acts 16:1-3 and 1 Thess 1:1)
* What were the main ways that Paul and his team presented the gospel (1:4-5)? List at least 3
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* How does Paul describe the way he lived among the Thessalonians? What male & female metaphors does he use?

2) Discussion & Application

a. What happens when teams only focus on one way of bringing the Gospel?

b. How is your approach like Paul’s team and how is it different?

c. What would you like to do differently as a result of this study?