

Scripture Reading:  
**1 THESSALONIANS**  
**2:1 – 12**



# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 12

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# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 12

On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness.

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 12

We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you.

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 12

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 12

You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

# IMITATORS & EXAMPLES

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# THE ESSENTIALS OF BEING AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLE-MAKER



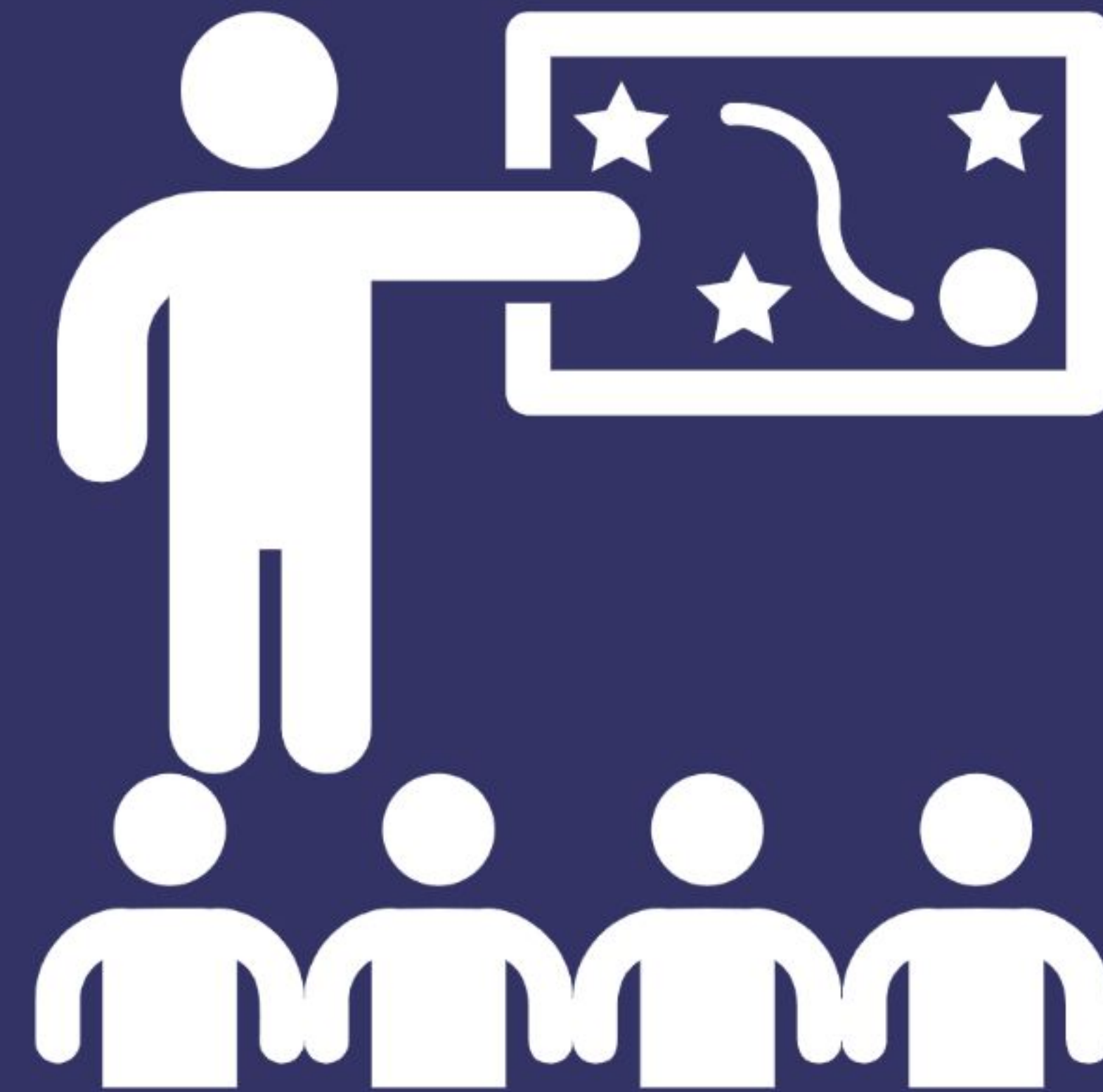
Messenger



Shepherd



Role Model



Coach

**DISCIPLE-MAKER  
ESSENTIALS**

# THE ESSENTIALS OF AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLE-MAKER

- A disciple-maker is a bold and trustworthy messenger.
- A disciple-maker is a loving and self-sacrificing shepherd.
- A disciple-maker models holiness.
- A disciple-maker is a graceful exhorter.

**A DISCIPLE-MAKER IS A BOLD  
AND TRUSTWORTHY MESSENGER.**



# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1 – 2

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# MARTYR

Faithful witness who stayed true  
to their message no matter what.

# WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE BOLD?

- We have an exclusive message
- We have a big mission
- We have an apathetic audience

**A DISCIPLE-MAKER IS A BOLD  
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# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:3 – 4

For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.**

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:5 – 7

**You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you.**

# **A DISCIPLE-MAKER IS A BOLD AND TRUSTWORTHY MESSENGER**

**God has:**

- Approved of us
- By entrusting us with the gospel
- Tested our hearts
- Been our witness

# SUMMARY OF 1 THESS. 2:3 – 7

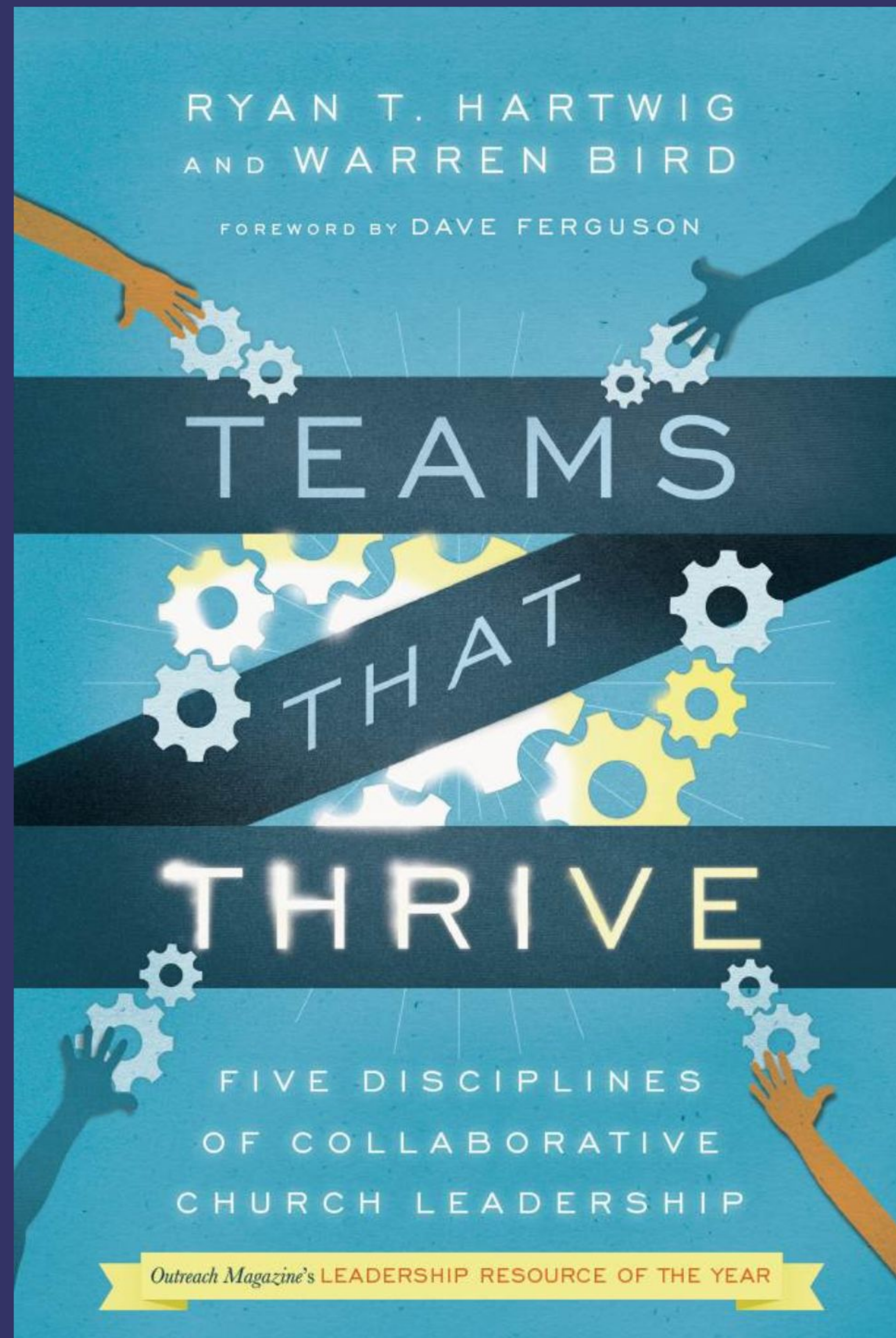
## God-pleasing

- True
- Pure
- Open and above board
- Humble
- Gentle

## Self-Serving

- Error
- Greedy for Money
- Tricky
- Seeking fame and glory
- Exercising their authority

# INSPIRATION



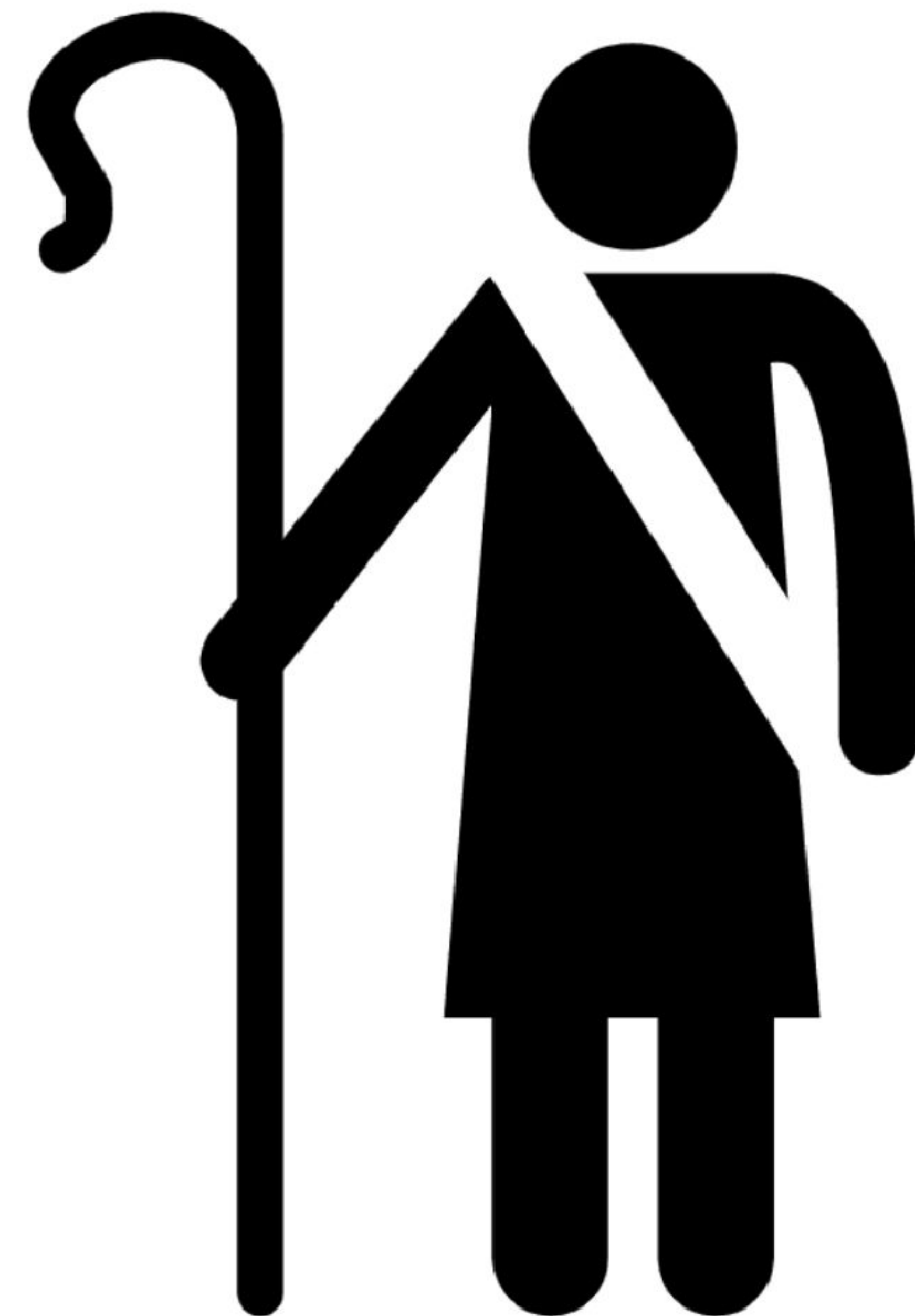
**Rely on inspiration more than control to lead**  
Outstanding teams prioritize leadership through relationship-based inspiration rather than role based giving of directives.

**Be disciple-makers who inspire others to follow Christ through the beautiful and selfless life you live.**

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**A DISCIPLE-MAKER IS A LOVING  
AND SELF-SACRIFICING SHEPHERD.**



# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:8 – 9

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

# TREATING DISCIPLES LIKE FAMILY

- Honest truth
- Open lives
- Sacrificial Heart



**A DISCIPLE-MAKER IS A LOVING  
AND SELF-SACRIFICING SHEPHERD  
... IN A PANDEMIC.**



# THE ESSENTIALS OF AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLE-MAKER

## Disciple-Makers

- A disciple-maker is a bold and truthful messenger.
- A disciple-maker is a loving, self-sacrificing shepherd.

## Jesus

- The Light of the world who is Faithful and True
- The Good Shepherd

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