

# “Marked”

## Sermon Discussion Guide

*Accompanies the 10/03/21 Sermon*

### How to be a Timothy - Philippians 2:19-22

Paul and Timothy shared a special bond. Paul was an older, wiser, more experienced follower of Jesus and Timothy was eager to learn from him. This relationship has inspired generations of Christians. They model what discipleship looks like in a personal and relational way. This week we will look at the qualities of Timothy and what we can learn from him.

**Note:** *We always try to give more questions than you need so you can pick which work best for your group.*

### ICE BREAKER

1. You are stuck on a deserted island: What movie or series do you want to have with you? (Pick just one)
  - a. What food do you dream about?
  - b. What would you most regret not packing?

### PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND

Open in prayer: Pray that as you reflect on today's scripture that God prepares your heart and mind. Pray for the ability to understand and apply its truths to your life. Pray that God will move you as individuals and as a group to be on mission for Him.

### GETTING STARTED

What stood out to you about this week message?

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Philippians 2:19-22**

- Why was Paul wanting to send Timothy to Philippi? Why would he not be going himself? *\*Hint checkout "A Bit of Context" at the end of this guide.*
- What do you know about Paul and Timothy's relationship?

- What are some qualities that Paul says Timothy has?
- Timothy was a ministry leader in the early church. What are some qualities that we would expect to see in modern ministry leaders that are **not** listed here?

## GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group; be willing to share how challenges and trials have affected your life.

1. Have you ever experienced a relationship like Paul and Timothy's? What impact did that have on you?
2. Do you have someone right now that is helping you mature the way that Paul did for Timothy?
3. Timothy had qualities and traits that made him teachable. Imagine that you had someone that you were teaching, coaching, mentoring, or discipling. What are some traits you would like to see in that person?
4. Out of what was listed in the last questions what traits do you possess? How can you be more teachable?
5. What do you feel like God is challenging you with today? What are some steps you can take to respond?
6. Do you have someone in your life that is a "Timothy" to you? (If your group needs help finding a way forward in this have them think about their own areas of influence such as kids, student ministry, maybe someone in your group, or a future LifeGroup leader).

### A Bit of Context

- Paul's missionary work in Philippi is Acts 16.
- This is a prison letter meaning Paul is in prison when he is writing it.
- This letter is in response to their support of Paul while he is imprisoned.
- The tone and purpose of this letter is to convey his thanks, to encourage and to equip this church.