

“Marked”

Sermon Discussion Guide

Accompanies the 9/26/21 Sermon

Discipleship is Transferable - 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Apprenticeships are a way for someone to learn an art, trade, or skill from someone else. This type of training is a way of handing off a set of skills and knowledge to others and often to a new generation. Paul was a master at imparting faith and teaching others to follow Jesus. This week we will discuss that a key aspect of discipleship is transferring our faith or passing it on to others.

ICE BREAKER

1. Fall is just around the corner what is something you look forward to doing in the fall?
2. Can you share in 1 minute how you started to follow Jesus?

If you use question 2 it might help draw connections later (faith is imparted). This may not be great for all groups: your group could be too large, been together too long or have people who don't know how to answer this question.

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 help impart our faith to others and help them grow in maturity.

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: **2 Timothy 2:1-7**

What about these bible verses stood out to you?

Context: Who is the author of this book? Who was the recipient? What do you know about their relationship?

Reread verse 2:

- What point is Paul making here?
- According to Paul what do “faithful men” do?
- Paul gives three illustrations to Timothy. He describes a good soldier (v3), a victorious athlete (v5) and a hard-working farmer (v6). How do these speak to the point Paul is making and support what was said in v2?

GETTING PRACTICAL

- 1) What was something that stood out to you about this week’s message? Why do you think that was impactful to you?
- 2) What do Paul’s words to Timothy teach us about discipleship?
- 3) When was the last time you had an opportunity to share your faith or help someone grow in theirs?

The real measure of discipleship is what we pass on to others. We might teach what we know but we reproduce what we are.

On a scale of 1-10 rate how intentional you are right now at passing your faith on to others.

1 Honestly, I forgot we were supposed to do this part

5 I do this but could be more intentional in some areas

10 I just baptized someone in a bathtub this morning and have three more lined-up for a pool tonight.

- 4) What are some things that hold you back from sharing your faith or helping others grow in theirs?
- 5) What are some specific ways you think God might be directing you in this area right now?
- 6) Share briefly with the group someone who has impact in your faith?
 - a. What was it about them that had an impact on you?