

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Message Discussion Questions

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7. What is Paul encouraging us to be/do in this passage?

Explore the Truth

1. 2:1 What does it mean to be 'strengthened by grace' coming from Jesus?
2. 2:2 Why did Paul want Timothy to teach others, who could teach others?
3. 2:3 What does it mean to be willing to suffer as a soldier? Give an example.
4. 2:4 What is a soldier's aim/purpose? Why? How does this lead to single focus?
5. 2:5 What is Paul's point in using the analogy of an athlete & rules? Example?
6. 2:6 What is Paul's point in using the analogy of a farmer's work ethic?
7. 2:7 Why does Paul encourage Timothy to 'think over' what he is saying?

Truth to Live By

Living as a multiplying disciple REQUIRES...

1. **Intentionally being 'in relationship' with others (2:1)**
Who's been a good 'guide'/teacher/cheerleader to you spiritually?
As you evaluate that relationship, did you initiate it or did they.
Do you have a 'spiritual Paul' in your life now? If not, who could you ask?
Do you have a 'spiritual Timothy' in your life now? If not, who could you ask?
2. **Hearing God's Word--understanding, accepting, & acting on it (2:2)**
Read Ezra 7:10. How does this help make Paul's command 'to hear' doable?
Why is it important to make disciples of people outside of just our families?
Role Play: Invite a new Christian to meet with you to be discipled by you.
3. **Being willing to suffer for Jesus (2:3)**
Discuss why Jesus had to suffer? How is our suffering different? Similar? Why?
What's the difference between 'inconvenience' & Christian suffering?
What would Christianity look like if no suffering was required? Examples?
4. **Having a singleness of focus/purpose (2:4)**
What's your primary purpose right now? Does your life support that answer?
5. **Following Jesus' way/rules (2:5)**
What is a 'rule' of following Jesus that 'disqualifies' you if you don't do it?
6. **Intentional hard work (2:6)**
Give an example of the INTENTIONAL hard work needed to follow Jesus well?
What part of following Jesus do you think you've stopped working hard at?
7. **Consistently renewing your mind & surrendering your will to Jesus (2:7)**
Are you actively studying Scripture? Why not? What will it take to start?
*Best impersonation of 'THE THINKER' statue gets a special prize.

What one thing is Jesus asking you to specifically do this week? Will you do it?