

## MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

### Message Discussion Questions

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9. What are some evidences that difficult days are here?

#### Explore the Text

1. **3:1** What does Paul warn Timothy is happening? When are the Last Days?
2. **3:2-5** List the 23 examples of what will cause the last days to be difficult. Is this list random? What is the focus of this list (character, choices, etc.)?
3. **3:5b** What's Paul's admonition to Timothy? What's Timothy to do? Why?
4. **3:6-7** What do people characterized by the above qualities do? Not do? Why?
5. **3:8-9** Read Exodus 7:8-13. Jewish tradition held that Jannes & Jambres were Egyptian magicians who did miracles that helped harden Pharaoh's heart. What does Paul say about people like this? What will become known to all?

#### Truth to Live By

1. **Multiplying disciples are not surprised that things will increasingly become more difficult, since we are living in the last days.** The Last Days started when Jesus' church began with the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. What has God primarily been doing in the world since 33AD? Why?
2. **Multiplying disciples are characterized by loving God more than self.** In what ways are you more characterized by loving God more than yourself? Who would your spouse/child/friends say you love more: Jesus or yourself?
3. **Multiplying disciples pursue true godliness not just the appearance of it.** True godliness is choosing holiness, consistently following/obeying Jesus, & helping others come to Jesus. How evident are these 3 choices in your life? Share how you have been experiencing the power of the Spirit in your life?
4. **Multiplying disciples are able to discern false disciples & avoid them.** Paul is NOT telling us to separate ourselves from unbelieving people. Rather, separate from people professing Jesus who believe/teach false doctrine. True disciples humbly admit they don't have perfect thinking about God & His Word. We are all works in progress, yet we are clear in the essentials.
5. **Multiplying disciples know the true heart-character of a person will eventually be revealed, and refrain from condemning people (God's job).** What is the difference between being discerning of evil & wrong thinking and judging/condemning those who are evil & teaching wrong things?

#### Questions to discuss:

Before Jesus: What is Jesus speaking to your heart about from this passage?

Personal repentance: Which of the 23 things do you struggle with the most?

Church's testimony: Which of the 23 things is plaguing the church the most?

Replaced: What do you think Jesus wants to replace the most? Why?

**How does Jesus want YOU to reveal HIM to people in your life this next week?**