

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

Resources

PASSAGES

1 Timothy 5:1-16, James 2:15-17

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time to study and pray through the passages yourself.
2. Consider these questions as you engage with the passages that you will discuss with your MC.
 - What do these passages tell me about discipleship?
 - What do these passages tell me about how I am to respond?
 - What do these passages confront in my thinking in regards to discipleship?
 - How might I better accept and entrust my mind, will, and emotions to these principles?

DISCUSS (GROUP)

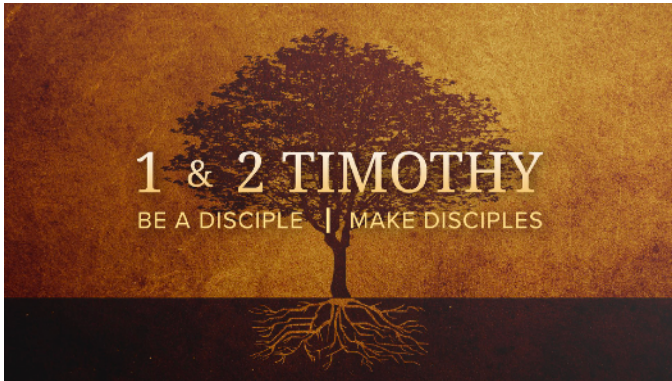
1. Review the main principle from the central teaching. (Support with a few key verses)
2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - Do you struggle with recognizing and empathizing with the needs of people? Why?
 - What faith steps can you take to become more aware of the needs of others?
 - How might you as a missional community better embrace the charge of meeting the physical needs of people?
 - How might you embrace that ministry and still keep the mission of making disciples the focal point?

APPLY (GROUP)

1. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to accepting these propositions about being and making disciples.

2. Lead others in recognizing their personal struggles with considering and accepting what God is saying in regards to being and making disciples. The point here is to spur on some thinking/discussion that will allow the Holy Spirit to bring about some conviction.
3. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

PRESENTATION SLIDES



PRINCIPLE 1

An effective discipleship community has leaders that protect the community from any challenge to the pure gospel.

PRINCIPLE 2

An effective discipleship community has leaders who model faithfulness in the charge of reproducing gospel living in others

PRINCIPLE 3

An effective discipleship community has a culture of prayer that is boldly led by men and supportively engaged in by women

PRINCIPLE 4

An effective discipleship community is led by faithful, mature men who are able to lead others into maturity

PRINCIPLE 5

An effective discipleship community needs faithful, mature men and women who are able and willing to assist the elders in leading the church toward gospel living.

PRINCIPLE 6

An effective discipleship community has leaders who are devoted to preserving the community through teaching and modeling.

1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2

¹ Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

DISCIPLESHIP APPLICATION

gospel living is demonstrated in how we love and treat all people

1 TIMOTHY 5:3-8

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Expositor's Bible Commentary

"It seems evident that an official list of widows was kept by each church and that only these received material support."

Bible Knowledge Commentary

"...it was merely a roll of those widows who were to receive assistance from the congregation."

"LIST" WIDOW

60+ years old

Faithful wife

Reputable worker

Raised children

Hospitable to outsiders

Served believers

Cared for the needy

Example of righteous living

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"LIST" WIDOW	"NON-LIST" WIDOW
60+ years old	-60 years old
Faithful wife	Has family to care for them
Reputable worker	Forsaken their "widow" status
Raised children	Unfaithful
Hospitable to outsiders	Dividers (gossip, busybodies, etc)
Served believers	Sinful
Cared for the needy	
Example of righteous living	

JAMES 2:15-17

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

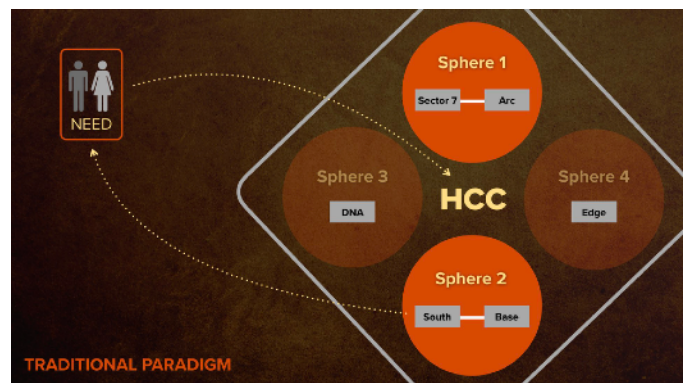
Faith has no spiritual impact on the needy person where there is no action to validate it.

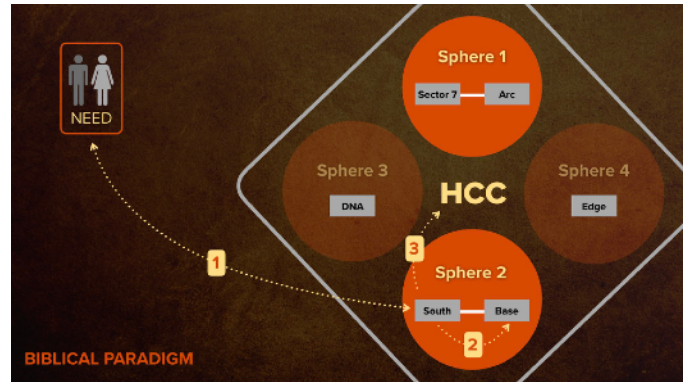
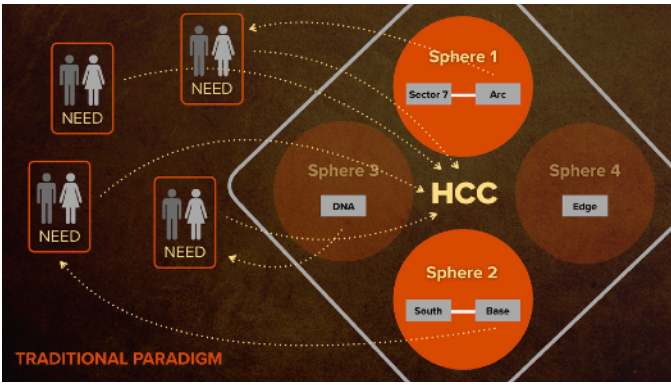
The AIM is spiritual impact, not mere physical assistance.

DISCIPLESHIP APPLICATION
practical love should always be measured by spiritual love

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1. Who do you struggle with showing love and care to?
 2. What practical faith steps can you take to change that pattern?
 3. How might you and your missional community better embrace the charge of meeting the physical needs of people that you are connected with?