

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

Elders (1)

PASSAGES

1 Timothy 3:1-7

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)

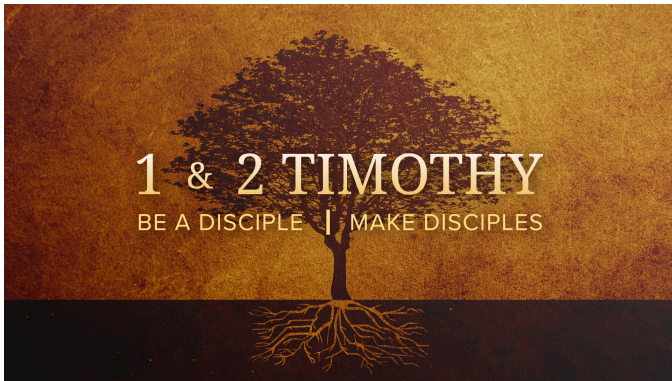
1. Review the main principle from the central teaching. (Support with a few key verses)
2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - Would the people closest to you say they see these qualities in your life?
 - Would they say they see them in an increasing measure?
 - How are these qualities developed according to the Bible vs. according to the world?
 - What are the barriers to the development of these qualities?
 - Are you willing to sacrifice yourself to help reproduce these qualities in other's? If so, how do you see that happening?

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 submissively supported by women

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Titus 1:5-7

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint **elders** in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an **overseer**, as God's steward, must be above reproach.

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Acts 20:17-28

17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **elders** of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them:.....
28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

1 TIMOTHY 3:2-5

2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

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2 Therefore an overseer **must be above reproach**

Reproach - address (someone) in such a way as to express disapproval or disappointment.

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mias gunaikos andra

"one woman man"
1 Timothy 3:2 (NLT)
2 So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. **He must be faithful to his wife.**

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2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, **the husband of one wife (one woman man)**

Matthew 5:28
28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
(one woman man)

Suggests Sexual Self-Control in Body and Mind, Thought life is focused on his wife

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2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife (one woman man), **sober-minded**

Sober-Minded (nēphalion) - aware, alert, has a focused and restrained mind

1 Peter 1:13
13 Therefore, **preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded**, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife (one woman man), sober-minded, **self-controlled**

Self-Controlled (sōphrona) - of sound mind creating temperate, stable, unwavering actions

Romans 12:2
2 **Do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

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Respectable (kosmion) - well ordered, good behavior

Suggest a lifestyle that demonstrates restoration and brings honor to God

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Hospitable (philoxenon) - loving strangers,

Suggest a lifestyle that demonstrates sacrificial love, willing to give up what we want or desire in this life

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Able to teach (didaktikos) - instructive,

Suggests someone who has experienced walking in victory, can and are willing to, instruct other's in the pursuit of Christ

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Not a Drunkard (mē paroinon) - Has a demonstrated freedom from dependency on substances

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Not violent but gentle (epieikē, amachon) - Easy Going, Peaceable, Not emotionally irrational

Suggest someone who is yielding to others, tolerant, doesn't need their own way, able to resolve, patient

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Not a lover of money (aphilarguron) - Centered on Christ and not materialism

Suggest someone who gets significance and security from Christ

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Manage (proistamenon) direct, lead, maintain

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6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

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Time & Discernment

DISCIPLESHIPAPPLICATION

a demonstration of faithfulness developed over time, and reproduced in others, is essential for leaders of the Church

PRINCIPLE 4

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

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