

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

The Charge - Part 2

PASSAGES

2 Timothy 4:1-8

PRINCIPLE

An effective discipleship community faithfully makes disciples through the Word in spite of the resulting suffering.

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)

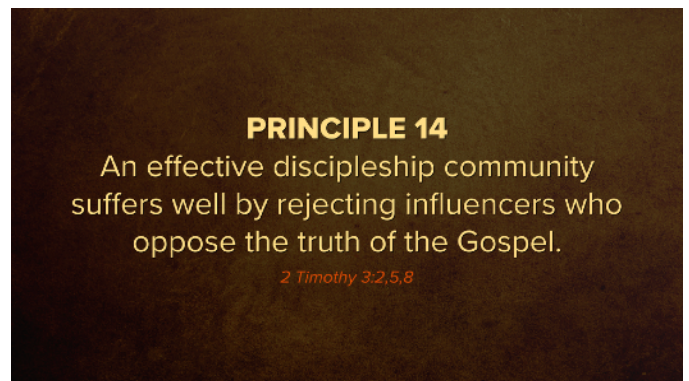
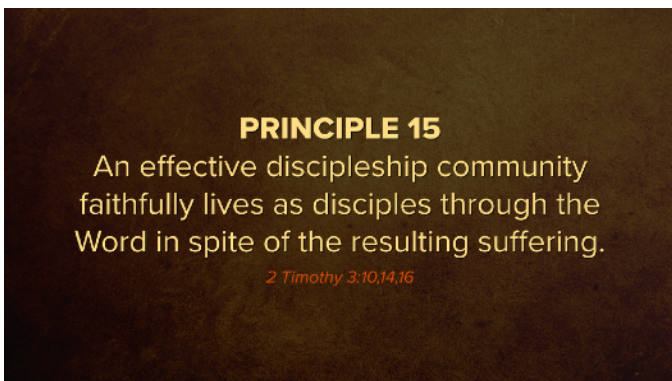
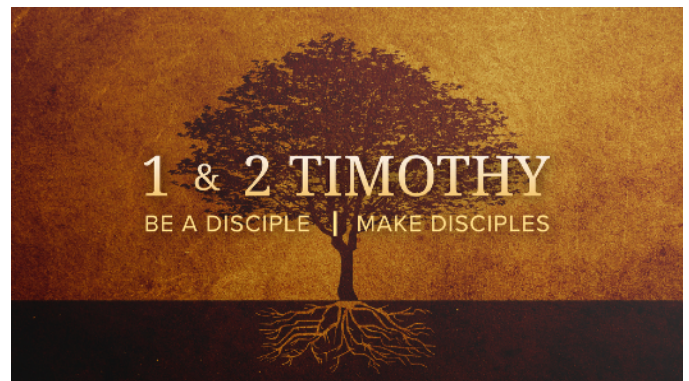
1. Review the main principle from the central teaching. (verses 2 & 5)
2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - Do you believe that God's Word is the ONLY source that powerfully makes disciples?
 - If yes, what evidences support this view in your discipleship journey (as being a disciple of Jesus and/or in your process of making disciples in others)?
 - If no, what is getting in the road of you being able to adopt this view?
 - What thoughts/feelings make you prone to wander off? How can you protect yourself from these thoughts?

- At this point in your life, what could it look like for you to entrust yourself to God to participate in the mission of God? What is holding you back from this? If you don't feel like this is possible now, then when would it be possible?
- How has your view of suffering changed as we've been going through 1 & 2 Timothy?

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 13

An effective discipleship community *suffers* well by addressing internal conflict through knowing and living out the truth of God's Word.

2 Timothy 2:14,16,22-24

PRINCIPLE 12

An effective discipleship community *suffers* well while engaging in His mission.

2 Timothy 2:1-3

PRINCIPLE 11

Effective discipleship communities live boldly for Jesus in the face of *suffering*

2 Timothy 1:6-8,12

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2

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What → Preach the Word

When → At all times

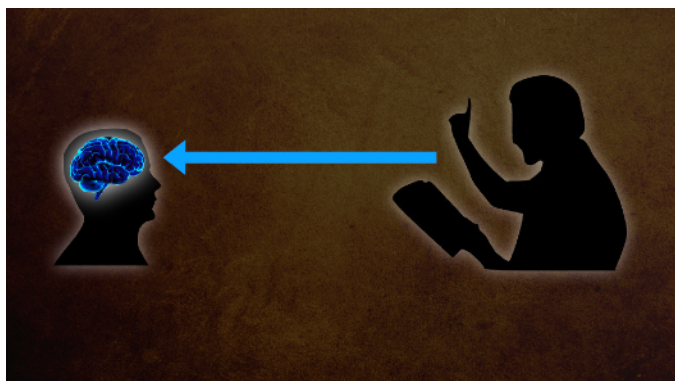
How → Reprove, rebuke, exhort

Posture → Complete patience & teaching

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3:16-17. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



1. Repent - Agree with God that I am in the wrong. Confess it to Him. Put myself under Him & His Authority and seek to redirect my life in alignment to His Word.

2. Reject - I can reject the conviction of the Holy Spirit and continue to live under my own authority in this area.

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2 Timothy 4:2, 5

Discipleship Application

Disciples of Jesus can not be made without reproof, rebuke, and exhortation from God's Word

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

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Process of Wandering Off

- Develop an unsettledness with life (itching ears)
- Begin to allow worldly passions to overtake thoughts and emotions
- Start listening to other teachers/experts who validate your passions
- Abandon the truth for these "new" ideas

2 TIMOTHY 4:5

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Guard Against Wandering Off

- Protect the Mind
- Suffer Well
- Participate in the Mission of God

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Process of Entrustment

1. Lack of Knowledge
2. Knowledge
3. Understanding
4. Mental Ascent
5. Entrustment (Faith)

MOVING FROM ASCENT TO FAITH

1. Accumulating more evidence
2. Encouragement from Others
3. Reproof & Rebuke

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