

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

Suffering Well (1)

PASSAGES

2 Timothy 2:1-13

PRINCIPLE

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

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?

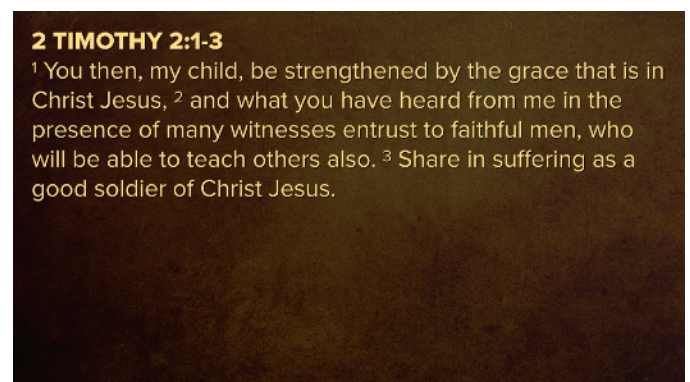
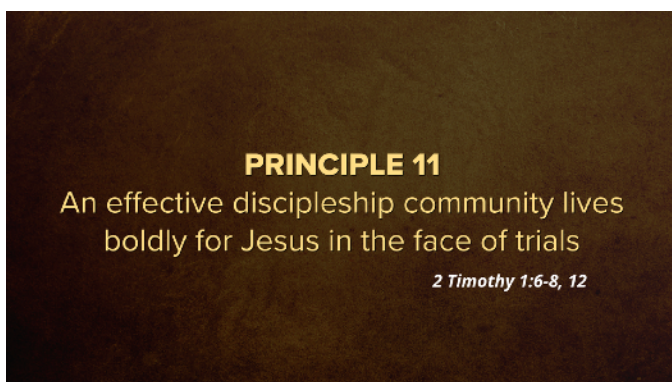
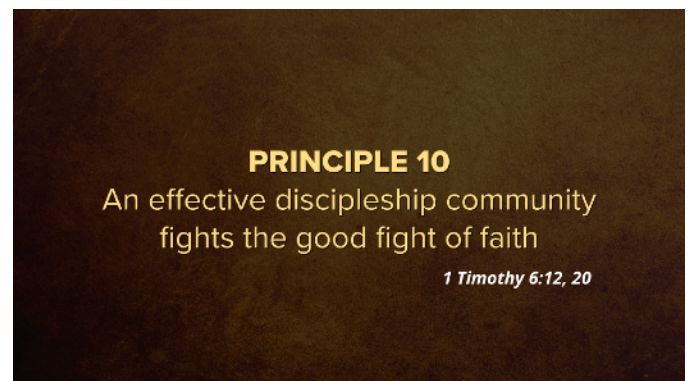
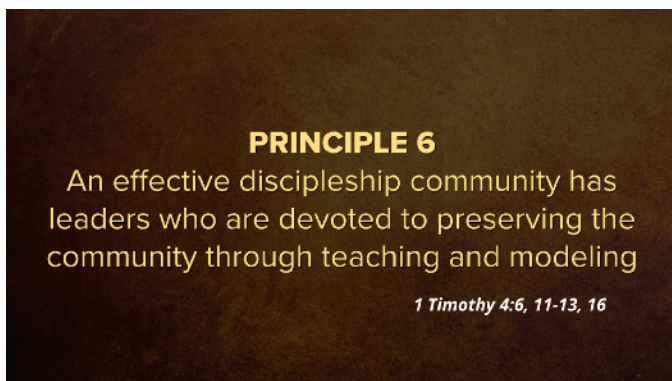
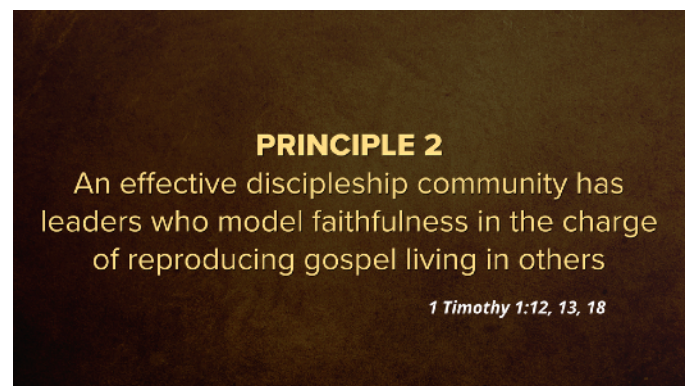
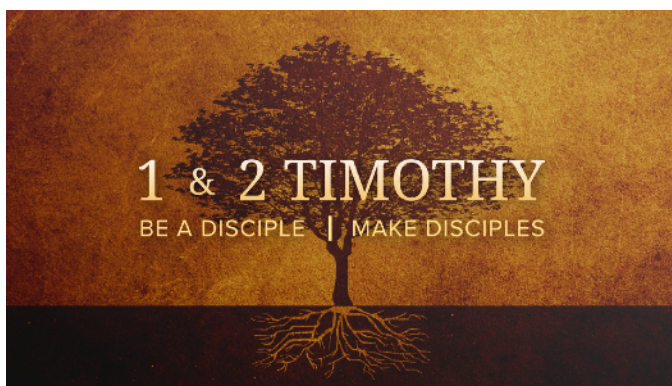
DISCUSS (GROUP)

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.
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APPLY (GROUP)

1. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to *suffering well* in being and making disciples.
2. Lead others in recognizing their personal struggles with considering and accepting what God is saying in regards to *suffering well*. [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



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Ephesians 2:8. For by grace you have been saved...

Ephesians 4:7. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Philippians 1:6. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion...

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2. Spiritual strength happens **to me** as I entrust myself to the grace that is in Jesus

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4. *who will be able to teach others* → who are capable to pass it on



DISCIPLESHIP APPLICATION
The mission of God involves building His Word into faithful people through close personal relationships

1. Would you consider yourself to be a faithful disciple?
2. Are you in a few close relationships in your missional community?
3. Are you making the time to be invested into and/or to invest into others?

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PRINCIPLE 12 (2 Timothy 2:1-3)
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1. **Means:** Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus
2. **Manner:** Stay focused on the mission, doing it God's Way, working hard until the very end
3. **Motivation:** vv7-13

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