

1 & 2 TIMOTHY

BE A DISCIPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

Materialism

PASSAGES

1 Timothy 6:3-10, Matthew 6:9-13, Genesis 12:1-3, Luke 16:20-26, Psalm 49:15, Matthew 4:8-9

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)

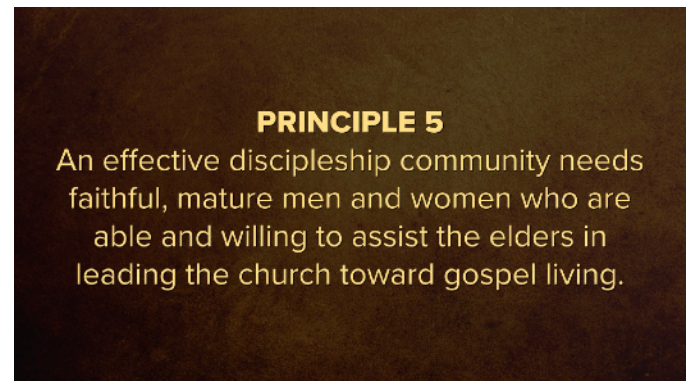
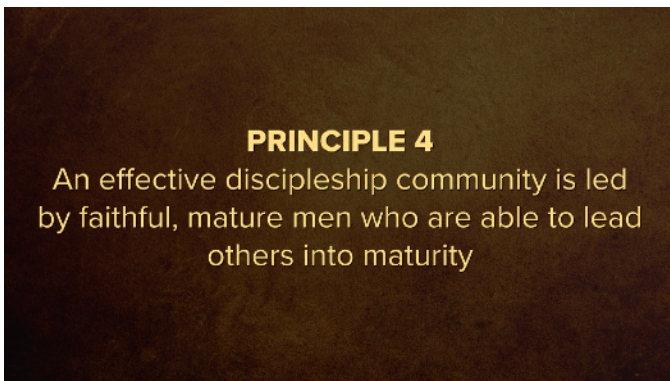
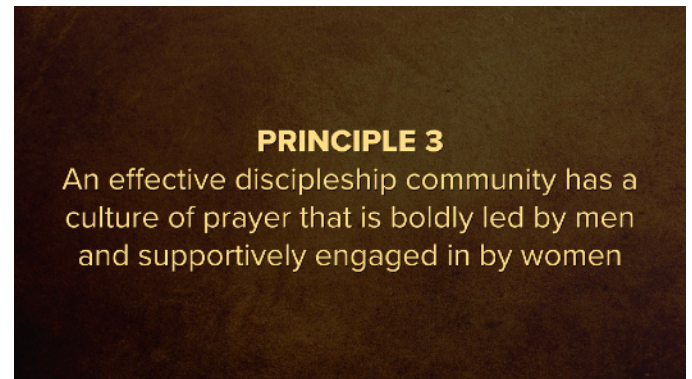
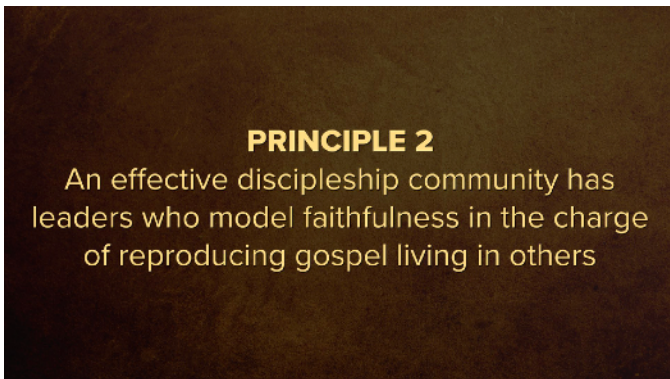
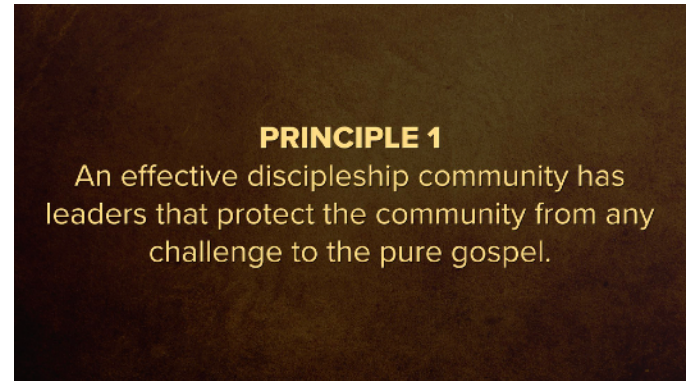
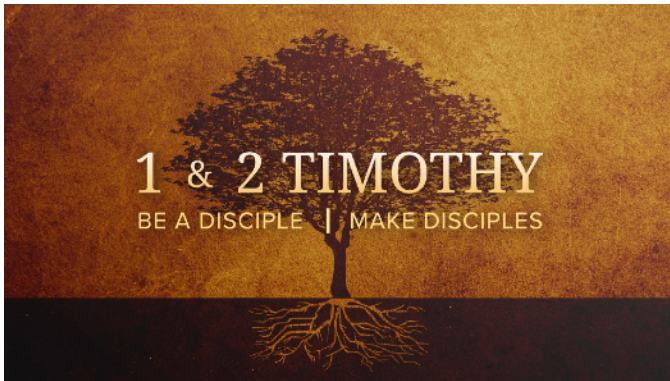
1. Review the main principle from the central teaching. (Support with a few key verses)
2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
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APPLY (GROUP)

1. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to 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 6

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

PRINCIPLE 7

An effective discipleship community must be discerning with its resources; appropriating them for the greatest potential missional impact.

PRINCIPLE 8

An effective discipleship community honors those in authority within the Church and outside the Church to advance the mission of God

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Prosperity Theology

Creflo Dollar

"When we pray, believing that we have already received what we are praying, God has no choice but to make our prayers come to pass."

Kenneth Copeland, *Laws Of Prosperity*

"Since God's covenant has been established and prosperity is a provision of this covenant, you need to realize that prosperity belongs to you now!"

Prosperity Theology

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Prosperity Theology

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Prosperity Theology

New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) Theology

Joyce Meyer, *The Most Important Decision You'll Ever Make*

"God rose up from his throne and said to demon powers tormenting the sinless son of God, "let him go." Then the resurrection power of Almighty God went through hell and filled Jesus.

Kari Jobe, *commenting on her song "Forever"*

"My favorite part of the whole thing is ... we talk about the death on the cross and we talk about the resurrection, but that time in between was when Jesus was in hell rendering hell. And ransacking hell. And defeating the enemy."

New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) Theology

Luke 16:20-23, 26

²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed,

Psalm 49:15

¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

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Individual Deception (no community support)
Unmet Spiritual Expectations
Spiritual Frustration
Materialistic/Temporal Pursuits

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Materialistic Worldview

Things bring contentment
Self identity is improved by material possessions
Physical comfort brings emotional/spiritual comfort
"If I just get , then I'll be set"
"I don't buy a lot, I'm a saver"
Tangible gain (materialism-sight) vs. eternal gain (godliness-faith)

Materialistic Worldview

Matthew 4:8-9

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

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HOW? WHAT?

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