

Changed Matured

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." – Acts 20:24 (ESV)

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." – 1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)

"work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me." – Philippians 2:12-18 (ESV)

"12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)

"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." – 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What's something you would like to do the same way as your parents? What's something you want to do differently?
- Who is one person that was a mentor to you?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Paul's farewell to the Ephesians elders in Acts 20:17-25. What matters more to Paul than his ministry? What matters less?
- As Paul matured in the faith, he embraced more of a mentoring role (*ex: Philemon 8-10, 1 Timothy 1:1-2, Titus 1:1-4*). Paul became increasingly concerned with encouraging and raising up disciples (and disciple-makers). Read Philippians 2:12-18. How does Paul view his role in regard to the Philippians?
- Read Jesus' prayer for His disciples in John 17:6-12. What does this teach us when it comes to raising up disciples in His name?
- Read 2 Tim. 4:6-8 and/or Phil. 3:12-14. How do we finish well?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What characterizes the shift from Spiritual Young Adult to Parent?
- Does your idea of leaving a legacy gel with God's?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Who is a Paul to you in your own life? Do you need to find one?
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Is there an area of your life that you know you need to work on in order to become more imitation-worthy?
- If someone asked you to disciple them, where would you start? Would God bring someone he has been working on to you if you don't know how you'd answer that question?
- Who is someone you can ask to mentor in the faith? Who is your Timothy/Titus?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- Holy Spirit, change is hard. Help us, help me to become the disciple and disciple-maker that you have called me to become for the sake of the Gospel. Give me a joy that causes me to put my full effort behind encouraging and raising up mature Jesus followers. Amen.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What has God been teaching you in His word this week? Is there anything you need to repent of?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
4. Pray for one another.