

Discussion Guide: Series Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

PRIMARY PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 1:1-5: *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,*

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **They decided their primary mission was to help Timothy know *and* follow Jesus**
- **They themselves were passionate about Jesus**
- **They immersed Timothy in the Word *from infancy***
- **They encouraged Timothy to follow Paul**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Joe said his talk was for everyone, whether you are a parent or not; Whether your child is grown up or still young. As you think about it now, who is a child or adult in your life whom you have the opportunity to influence?**
2. **If you have had the privilege of raising a child, looking back, what do you wish you had done differently? What are you glad you did right?
Talk about a specific way you sought to disciple your child or a child in your life.**
3. **What discouraged you in today's talk? What encouraged you?**
4. **Is there anything you plan to do based on today's Scripture? Talk about it. Joe mentioned some specific ways you can still disciple your children, even when they are grown. What do you remember that he said?**

Dear God, please help me continue to be a growing disciple of Yours. Amen.

