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BACK TO CENTER

A renewed call to make disciples



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BIBLE STUDY LESSONS
FOR C.O.R.E. GROUP
DISCIPLESHIP

LET'S START

1

Make Disciples, Multiply Leaders!

- Who is someone who taught you a skill or life lesson that has stayed with you?

- Do you learn best by listening, reading, watching, or doing? Why?

- What is one thing you hope people will remember about you after you are gone?

LET'S READ

[2] and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2 ESV

At the close of Acts, Paul was living under a relatively relaxed house arrest (Acts 28:30–31). By the time he writes 2 Timothy, his circumstances are far harsher. He is held, as many describe it, in a "dismal underground dungeon with a hole in the ceiling for light and air." He is bound in chains (2:9), many have deserted him (4:10, 16), and he expects to be executed soon (4:6).

What does Paul choose to say at such a moment? He gives Timothy a solemn charge: make disciples who will make disciples—develop and multiply faithful leaders.

Notes

LET'S LEARN

What are we called to do in discipleship?

1. Learn

…what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses…

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Discipleship is more than transferring information; it is modelling a life that follows Jesus. Teaching matters, but much of discipleship is caught as well as taught. Timothy had not only heard Paul—he had watched him. That is why Paul could write, "You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith…" (2 Timothy 3:10). We learn both from biblical instruction and from godly lives worth imitating (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Who has been a "Paul" in your life —someone who faithfully taught God's Word and lived it in front of you? What did you learn from watching them?

2. Entrust

…entrust to faithful men…

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

To entrust is to hand over something valuable for safekeeping. We have been entrusted with the gospel, God's Word, and the mission of making disciples, and we are called to pass that trust on. Notice whom Paul tells Timothy to look for: not the most gifted or impressive, but the faithful—people who are reliable, teachable, and willing to guard what they receive. (The Greek word translated "men" here can include both men and women.) Like preparing and serving a meal, discipleship means intentionally feeding others with truth, helping them grow in Christ, and preparing them for the work God has for them.

What has God entrusted to you—a truth, a hard-won lesson, a spiritual habit—that you have not yet passed on? Which signs of faithfulness do you see in the people around you?

3. Teach

…who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Discipleship does not end with us. This one verse spans four generations: Paul, Timothy, faithful people, and "others also." The goal is not merely addition but multiplication—teaching faithful people who will, in turn, teach others. This is the missional heart of discipleship: making disciples who make disciples.

Who is one person you could begin to disciple? Write their name below and plan to reach out to them this week.

LET'S APPLY

- ***Thank your "Paul."*** *This week, send a message, make a call, or write a note to someone who has invested in your faith.*

- ***Take the first step.*** *Contact the person you named and set a time to meet, read Scripture, and pray together.*

LET'S PRAY

- ***Pray for spiritual mentors.***
  Thank God for those who have invested in your faith, and ask Him to give them wisdom and strength.

- ***Pray for the next generation.***
  Ask God to raise up faithful men and women, including from the next generation, who will stand firm in the truth and teach others.

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2

Big God, Big Faith!

- Looking back, what was your biggest dream as a child? Did you achieve it, or did your dreams change over time?

- What is something that seemed impossible at first but turned out better than you expected?

LET'S READ

[1] You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, [2] and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1–2 ESV

Second Timothy is Paul's final letter, written to a young leader he calls "my child." Timothy is serving at a discouraging moment: his mentor is in chains awaiting death, "all who are in Asia" have turned away from Paul (1:15), and false teaching is spreading in the church (2:16–18). Timothy has every reason to lose heart.

Paul's answer begins not with a strategy but with a source. Before he tells Timothy what to pass on and to whom, he tells him where to find the strength to do it.

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LET'S LEARN

What does effective leadership development require?

1. God's Grace

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus…

2 TIMOTHY 2:1

Developing leaders takes strength; it is not for the faint of heart. Yet Paul does not say "Be strong," as if strength were something Timothy had to produce. He says "Be strengthened"—strength that is not achieved but received. Its source is the grace that is in Christ Jesus. God's grace, not greater effort or a busier schedule, is the starting point for making disciples.

What leadership challenge are you facing right now that requires God's grace more than your own strength?

2. God's Word

…what you have heard from me…

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

What Timothy is to pass on is not Paul's opinions but the apostolic message he heard—the gospel, now preserved for us in Scripture. God's Word is the most important thing we can pass on to those we are training, because only it has the power to bring lasting transformation (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Deep knowledge, wise counsel, sound principles, and fresh ideas all have their place, but none of them can replace the Word of God.

How would you describe your hunger for God's Word right now? When you encourage others, do you point them to Scripture or mostly to your own advice?

3. God's People

…in the presence of many witnesses…

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Making disciples is a team effort. Paul's teaching was not a private message passed quietly to Timothy; it was heard, confirmed, and carried by a community of believers. Discipleship is not meant to happen in isolation. God grows His kingdom through the faithful participation of many people.

Who has God placed around you to help you make disciples? Who could you partner with in building up others' faith?

LET'S APPLY

- ***Trust your Big God.*** *Bring the challenge you named to Him in prayer each day this week, relying on His grace rather than your own strength.*

- ***Step out in Big Faith.*** *Share a passage of Scripture that has shaped you with someone this week, and invite a fellow believer to partner with you in building up others.*

LET'S PRAY

- ***Pray for strength through grace.***
  Ask God to strengthen you by His grace for the people and challenges He has placed before you.

- ***Pray for the church.***
  Ask God to continue making our church a community where believers are equipped, discipled, and sent to make more disciples.

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