



Distinctives

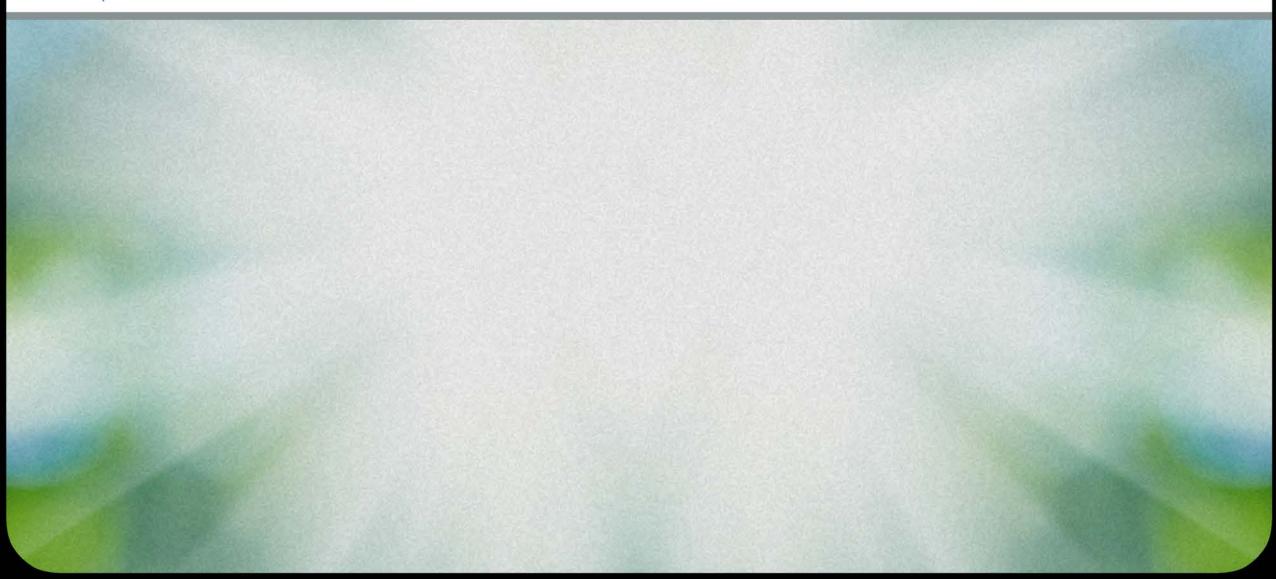
CHRIST	Gospel Grace
	Repentant Faith
	Holy Worship
SCRIPTURE	Biblical Authority
	Expository Preaching
FAMILY	Covenant Family
	Servant Leadership
	Hungry Prayer
	Kingdom Diversity
MISSION	Fruitful Discipleship
	Active Mercy
	Global Witness



What is "discipleship"?

Discipleship is a committed spiritual training relationship.







Family fracturing



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality
- Program-centered ministry



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality
- Program-centered ministry
- Overwhelming busyness



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality
- Program-centered ministry
- Overwhelming busyness
- Personality excuses



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality
- Program-centered ministry
- Overwhelming busyness
- Personality excuses
- Lack of experience



- Family fracturing
- Generational disconnect
- The digital pull
- Privatized spirituality
- Program-centered ministry
- Overwhelming busyness
- Personality excuses
- Lack of experience
- Sense of inadequacy



1. Paul and Timothy committed to a discipling relationship.

Acts 16:3

Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him...



2. Paul personally taught Timothy biblical truth.

1 Timothy 1:13

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me...



3. Paul modeled Christian character for Timothy up close.

1 Timothy 1:13

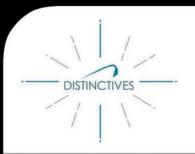
Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



3. Paul modeled Christian character for Timothy up close.

You can impress from a distance, but you only impact up close.

Howard Hendricks



4. Paul and Timothy spent diverse time together.

Acts 16:3

Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him...



5. Paul affirmed Timothy's growth and gifts.

2 Timothy 1:3-6

³ I thank God... as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ 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. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands...



6. Paul warned and challenged Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:22-23

So flee youthful passions... Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies...



6. Paul warned and challenged Timothy.

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.



7. Over time, Timothy's life looked more and more like Paul.

2 Timothy 3:10-12

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings...



7. Over time, Timothy's life looked more and more like Paul.

Philippians 2:20–22

²⁰ For I have no one else like-minded who will genuinely care about your interests... ²² you know his proven character, because he has served with me in the gospel ministry like a son with a father.



7. Over time, Timothy's life looked more and more like Paul.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.



8. Paul trained Timothy to train faithful men who would replicate the process.

2 Timothy 2:2

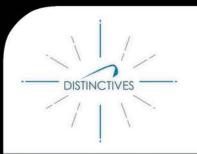
...what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.



9. Paul called older women to train younger women.

Titus 2:3-5

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.



10. Paul urged Timothy to carry on the work and reach others.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word... reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

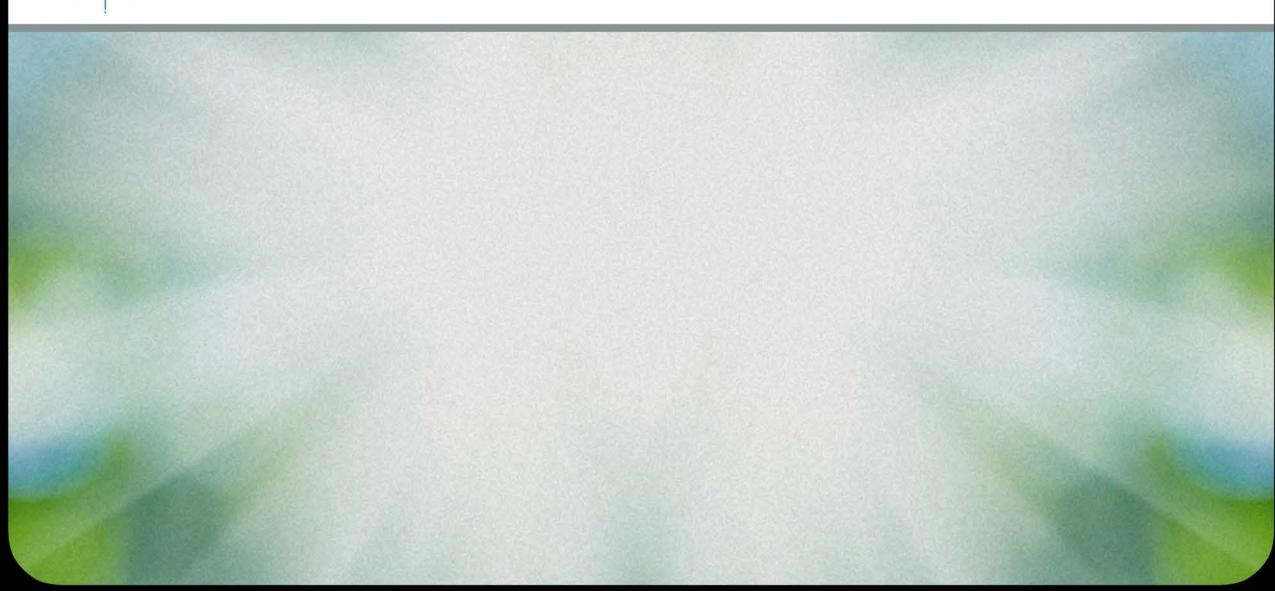


10. Paul urged Timothy to carry on the work and reach others.

2 Timothy 4:5

...always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.







Josh Watson (1998)



Josh Watson (1998) Devin Smith (2000)



Josh Watson (1998) Devin Smith (2000) Caleb Hagen (2000–2002)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002-)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002-)

Todd Bolen (2002-)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002-)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002-2004)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002–)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002-2004)

Joe Keller (2004-2010)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002–)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002-2004)

Joe Keller (2004-2010)

Michael Tyler (2004–)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000–2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002–)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002-2004)

Joe Keller (2004-2010)

Michael Tyler (2004–)

Zane Pratt (2013)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002-)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002–2004)

Joe Keller (2004-2010)

Michael Tyler (2004–)

Zane Pratt (2013)

Jim Hamilton (2010–2015)



Josh Watson (1998)

Devin Smith (2000)

Caleb Hagen (2000-2002)

Will Varner (1999-2002)

Anthony Kidd (2002–)

Todd Bolen (2002-)

Kent Dresdow (2002–2004)

Joe Keller (2004-2010)

Michael Tyler (2004–)

Zane Pratt (2013)

Jim Hamilton (2010-2015)

Jim Orrick (2015–2017)



Five Crucial Elements

- Sincere love for Christ
- Intentional pursuit of me
- Consistent time together
- Focus on truth and life
- Equipping me to minister to others