

SESSION 1

Disciples Growing Together

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7. How would you describe Paul's relationship with Timothy?

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-6. What was Paul's ultimate hope for his disciple Timothy (in verse 2)?

Based on the metaphors in verses 3-6, how would you describe the nature of discipleship?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Why do you think it's important to have relationships like the one Paul and Timothy shared?

Why do you think it was important to Paul that Timothy would pass on Paul's training to "faithful men, who will be able to teach others also"?



ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

As you considered Paul and Timothy's discipleship relationship, were you reminded of similar relationships in your own life? If not, how could you begin to cultivate relationships like that?

Have you ever invested in a relationship with someone where you intentionally tried to help them grow in their faith?

Brian talked about Paul's demanding discipleship metaphors, saying that:

- Discipleship requires devotion - making Christ the main focus of our lives.
- Discipleship requires discipline - restraining ourselves and committing to godly practices.
- Discipleship is slow but rewarding - there are no shortcuts!

Which of these aspects of discipleship do you find most difficult? How can your discipleship relationships help you in this journey?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

If the mission Jesus gave us is to "make disciples," then disciple-making is a non-negotiable. Is there anyone in your life you can devote yourself to investing in?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Pray that you would "be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 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)