



WEEK 9

Pillar #4 - Discipleship

Returning to Second Timothy, we now study our final pillar as a church: discipleship. Paul charges Timothy to share everything he has learned from him with others who will then do the same. This means that our understanding of Jesus and His work should not be kept secret; it should be lived out and passed on to others. Discipleship, in other words is an intentional process where we are intentionally connecting in the lives of others, to intentionally lead them to deepening understanding and devotion to Christ.

THE SCRIPTURE

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

¹You 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 entrust¹⁵ to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

¹⁵**entrust** – to literally place in the hands of another for protection and security.

WE SHARE THE LIFE-TRANSFORMING GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH BOLDNESS, AND LEAD HIS PEOPLE INTO A DEEPENING AFFECTION AND DEVOTION TO HIM,

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 9

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Who is someone you admire and who you try to follow in their footsteps? Why?
2. Have you ever had an apprenticeship or been mentored in something outside of a church setting? If so, what was that experience like and how did it come about

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3. Revisiting Week 1 and the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, what does discipleship look like according to Jesus? How does this fit with the passage from this week?
4. Compare 2 Timothy 2:2 with Philippians 4:9. How would you explain to someone what these verses teach about the nature of effective teaching?
5. Are you currently being discipled by anyone? Are you discipling anyone else? According to Paul, what criteria should guide us in choosing those we disciple?

6. In verses 3 through 6, Paul uses three separate analogies of the Christian walking in faithful endurance. Using the chart below, describe the purpose of each example.

	What is the encouragement to us in the analogy?
Analogy 1	
Analogy 2	
Analogy 3	

7. In the social media world we find ourselves in, the act of following someone can be as simple as a click. How does this differ from being disciplined according to this passage?
8. What does it mean to “share in suffering”? Does this mean suffering in general? What would happen to me if I rejected the opportunity to share in suffering?
9. Considering verses 3-4, how is the Christian’s life like being a soldier? How is it very different?
10. Verses 1 and 7 bookend this passage and share a common theme. What is this similarity? (Compare with Philippians 2:12-13 and Matthew 28:18-20). How does this comparison encourage you?
11. As this week’s time closes, take some time to pray as a group that the Lord would continue to grow a hunger for discipleship in your lives and in our church.