



Discussion Questions for the week of March 28th

BIG IDEA: We are called to go and make disciples and multiply people. In this series, we will look at the three discipleship relationships, Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy.

This week, we look at Timothy, who had his life greatly shaped by the faithfulness of Paul investing in him. You, and your small group leader, were (and still are) a "Timothy" with someone investing in your lives. Is there someone in your life you're investing into? It is important because we are called and equipped to do so.

ICE BREAKER:

We are called to make disciples and "pour" into others. If you had to pour anything into a pool and jump in, what would it be?

DISCUSSION:

1. As a junior high student, how do you feel people see you, especially as it relates to sharing your faith? How do you see yourself?
2. What is the difference between sharing your faith and making disciples? Which one is more important? (They both are equally important)
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. How does this compare or contrast to the way you answered the first question?
4. In what ways do you feel equipped to be a Paul and invest into a Timothy as a junior high student?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:11-14. Paul's charge to Timothy gives us a great overall example of areas we can encourage the 'Timothy's' in our life. What are some of the encouragements or exhortations Paul gives Timothy in this verse?
6. Take a minute to think about what makes your small group leaders good 'Pauls'. How could you take the example they've shown and use that in your life to "go and make disciples?"
7. Read 2 Timothy 2:2 (lots of 2's!) and think about the chain of disciple-making that has eventually led to your small group leaders sitting here with you. What kind of ownership and responsibility do you feel in this sequence?
8. How important are qualities like love, compassion, patience, and faithfulness in making disciples? What makes it difficult to disciple others who might be less mature than us? How might Titus 3:3-8 speak into these things? After you answer have your leaders answer this question as well!

APPLICATION:

Have your students think of 1-3 people they believe could potentially be their Timothys. Help them develop next steps in encouraging those people to become fully-devoted followers of Christ. Next steps could include: inviting them to small group, sharing the Gospel with them, sharing their testimony, doing a quiet time with them, texting them an encouragement etc.) Have your students pray for the people they chose to be their Timothys. Tell them you are going to hold them accountable next week by asking them if they completed one of their action steps and how it went.