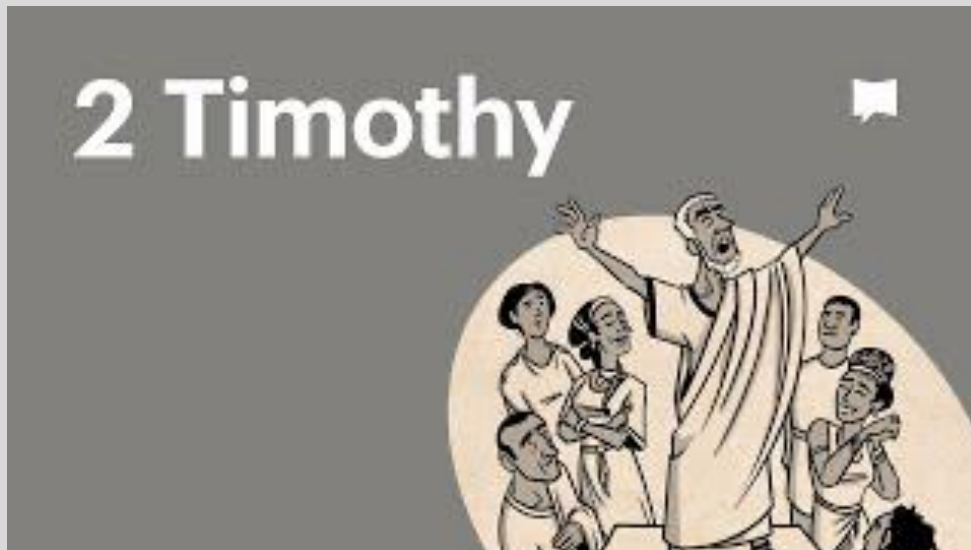


PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the sermon online [HERE](#).
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.

Welcome: *Icebreaker – When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?*

Study Context:



What's Going on This Week

This week, Pastor Buz Hannon brought us into the thirteenth week of our series titled *A Church that Pleases God*. Pastor Buz directed our attention to *1 Timothy 1:3-14* as we as a church talk about how we are called to **grow** in our relationship with Jesus Christ by learning how to become disciples who make disciples. Pastor Buz suggests that much like asking ourselves who we want to be when we grow up, discipleship's most basic definition is the process by which we become more like Jesus and the process by which we help people become more like Jesus. As you engage with this study guide, continue to evaluate whether you are continuing to follow the patterns and guarding the deposit that has been granted to us over the generations!

“Remember: It’s not about you! We have a generational, historic faith in Jesus that we are called to guard. But at the same time, this is about you conforming to the image of Christ” – Pastor Buz Hannon



GROUP MEETING (60 – 90 minutes)

Worship (10 – 15 minutes)

Take time with your group and prepare your hearts as you enter the presence of God for this meeting.

Option 1: Worship Music Have someone share their favorite song. You can find it online, play it, and even sing along with your group! Have them explain why the lyrics have impacted them!	Option 2: Small Group Discipleship One way you can highlight spiritual growth in your group is to identify how each group member has been disciplined simply from being in relationships within the group!	Option 3: Self-Reflection 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Discipleship happens through imitation. Spend time before your meeting thinking about (a) who you are becoming like and (2) who is becoming more like you.
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Word #1: Evaluate your Engagement with Discipleship (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: 2 Timothy 1:3-14 – Paul’s letter to Timothy gives us a beautiful window into their discipling relationship. In this text, we discover a discipleship relationship that is (1) personal, (2) cross-generational, (3) reinforcing and amplifying Timothy’s gift of ministry from God, (4) centered on the gospel, and (5) a lifestyle that has been handed down for each generation to follow and guard. **What stands out to you the most about this small window we receive into the relationship between Paul and Timothy? When it comes to these 5 points about discipleship, which do you find the most challenging as you are being disciplined (becoming more like Jesus) and as you disciple others (helping people become more like Jesus)?**

Host Tip: Discipleship is a term that gets thrown around a lot in the church. This question allows the group to (a) get on the same page about what we mean by discipleship and (b) share personal successes and shortcomings of discipleship relationships.

Word #2: Become “Disciples-Who-Make-Disciples” (15 – 25 minutes)

Here are some scriptures on becoming healthy *disciple-makers* as well as becoming a healthy *disciple* -

Disciple-Making: *Esther 4:12-14; Acts 17:26; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24; 10:31-11:1; (Disciple Where You Are) / Proverbs 3:5-6; 24; John 16:23-24 (The Lord Leads You to People) / Galatians 2:20; Romans 8:1-17 (Your Effort vs. Christ In You) / John 5:39-40; 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (Lifestyle vs. Curriculum)*

Disciple-Becoming: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Luke 24:44-49; 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:30-31 (Generational Faith) / Romans 8:28-29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:17-24 (Conform to the Image of Christ) / Titus 2:1-15 (Constellation of Disciple-Makers) / Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 5:1-11 (Jesus Christ as the Chief Disciple Maker)*

In what ways do you feel like the Lord challenging you to step deeper into the lifestyle of disciple-becoming? / Disciple-Making? How might the group be able to help you do this and hold you accountable to taking your next step in discipleship?

Host Tip: We always want to end our study guide with a next step. Pastor Buz outlined 4 different points in his sermon for becoming a disciple and disciple-making. Each point is listed in parenthesis, and we have provided a scripture to drill the point. Feel free to come up with some other references as well!



Witness (20 – 25 minutes)

- **Pray for the Unfolding Events in the [Russia – Ukrainian crisis](#).**
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would show you how you can become a better disciple of Jesus!
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would show you how you can become a more effective disciple-maker!
- Pray for any individual prayer request that comes up in your group.
- **Pray for the entire group and how they may be able to participate in future group meetings.**
- **Pray for an interaction with someone who you can invite into your next group meeting!**
- **Pray for God’s hand in the multiplication and revival of your group!**

Stay up to date with our Prayer Ministry by signing up to be an intercessor online at 3Crosses.org/pray!

Throughout the Week

- **Prepare for Next Week:** *Christian Community - Primary Text: Acts 2:42-47*— The resurrection did not merely make us Christians; it formed us into a community. We grow by practicing the “one anothers” of Scripture within the context of Christian Community.
- **Follow up between group members:** Have each member of the group pick one other group member to follow up with about how they are growing in their faith as they learn to keep in step with wherever the Holy Spirit is leading them.
- **Join relief efforts locally and around the world:** Looking to contribute to what is going on both locally and around the world? Visit our website and volunteer in our [neighborhood resource center](#) or help sponsor an [indigenous missionary](#)!
- **Life Groups 2022:** For more information about joining a group, hosting a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org or Carmela at carmela@3crosses.org