

MESSAGE SUMMARY

The goal of discipleship is not simply that we believe, grow, or serve. Healthy disciples eventually help other people follow Jesus. Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples, and Paul shows Timothy how that mission multiplies: what Timothy received from Paul was to be entrusted to faithful people who would teach others also. The gospel was never meant to stop with us. God has already placed people around us—in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and relationships—who need to experience Jesus. Harvest happens when transformed disciples intentionally help others take their next step of obedience and empower them to do the same.

Big Idea: Healthy disciples make disciples who make disciples.

THE TRANSFORMED JOURNEY

	Seed	Roots	Fruit	Harvest
Stage	Seeker	Follower	Worker	Disciple Maker
Action	Engage with Gospel	Establish Biblical Foundation	Equip for Life & Ministry	Empower to Make Disciples
Goal	Believe	Obey	Abide	Reproduce
Movement	Plant the Gospel →	Grow in Community →	Multiply through Service →	Harvest

MAIN POINTS

1. The Mandate – Make Disciples. A disciple is a learner who is becoming like the teacher (Luke 6:40). Jesus' Great Commission makes clear that following Him includes helping others follow Him. We are not merely called to know His teaching, but to help people obey everything He commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Discipleship is helping someone take their next step of obedience with Jesus.

2. The Method – People. Paul tells Timothy to be strengthened by the grace found in Christ and then to entrust what he has received to faithful people who will teach others (2 Timothy 2:1–2).

3. The Mission Field – Where You Are. When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them and described them as a plentiful harvest in need of workers (Matthew 9:35–38). Disciple-making begins when we care enough about people to want them to experience Jesus. Where has God already placed you? Where do you live, work, learn, and play?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 6:40 and Matthew 28:19–20. What do these passages teach us about the relationship between being a disciple and making disciples? *Possible Answer: A disciple is becoming like Jesus, and Jesus intentionally made disciples. Therefore, following Jesus includes helping other people follow Him. The Great Commission calls believers not only to share information, but to help people obey Jesus.*

2. Read 2 Timothy 2:1–2. What do you notice about the way the gospel and discipleship move from one person to another? *Possible Answer: Paul invested in Timothy, Timothy was to entrust what he received to faithful people, and those people were to teach others. The goal is multiplication, not dependence on one leader.*

3. What is the difference between equipping, empowering, and multiplying? *Possible Answer: Equipping prepares someone to participate. Empowering gives them responsibility and opportunity to act. Multiplication happens when that person takes someone else with them and begins investing in another disciple.*

4. Read Matthew 9:35–38. What did Jesus see when He looked at the crowds, and how might that change the way we see the people around us? *Possible Answer: Jesus saw people with compassion and recognized a harvest. We can ask God to help us see coworkers, neighbors, family members, classmates, and friends not as interruptions or anonymous crowds, but as people He loves and has placed within our reach.*

5. Who is one person God may be inviting you to intentionally help move closer to Jesus? What is one step you can take this week? *Possible Answer: Answers will vary. A step might include praying daily, sending a text, inviting someone to coffee or church, sharing your story, reading Scripture together, serving together, or asking how you can support their next step of obedience.*

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Disciple-making begins with grace, not pressure. Before Paul tells Timothy to entrust the message to others, he tells him to “be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:1). Jesus came for us, died for our sin, rose again, and gives His Spirit to everyone who trusts Him. We do not make disciples to earn God's love; we make disciples because His love has transformed us. The same gospel that reached us is the gospel we now carry to others. The gospel was never meant to stop with us.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY — Become Like the Teacher

Key Verse: Luke 6:40 **Reflection:** Jesus describes a fully trained disciple as someone who becomes like the teacher. Christian maturity is not simply knowing more about Jesus; it is increasingly becoming like Jesus. And Jesus lived with a clear mission to seek people, love people, and make disciples.

Application Question: Where is Jesus inviting you to become more like Him right now?

Prayer Response: Jesus, shape my life so that I increasingly think, love, and live like You. *Read: 1 John 2:5–6*

TUESDAY — Make Disciples

Key Verse: Matthew 28:19–20

Reflection: Jesus' final commission gives His followers a clear mandate: make disciples. He calls us to go, baptize, and teach people to obey Him. Disciple-making is not reserved for pastors or experts. It is part of what it means to follow Jesus.

Application Question: Who has helped you follow Jesus, and what did they do that made a difference?

Prayer Response: Jesus, thank You for the people who have invested in me. Show me how I can help someone else follow You. *Read: Matthew 28:16–20*

WEDNESDAY — Pass It On

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 2:1–2

Reflection: Paul did not want the gospel to stop with Timothy. Timothy was to entrust it to faithful people who would teach others. Healthy discipleship always looks beyond the present generation toward the next. What we receive by grace, we faithfully give away.

Application Question: What has God taught or entrusted to you that could strengthen someone else?

Prayer Response: God, help me faithfully pass on what You have given me. Give me someone I can encourage and invest in. *Read: 2 Timothy 1:13–14; 2:1–2*

THURSDAY — Empowered to Witness

Key Verse: Acts 1:8

Reflection: Jesus never asks His followers to accomplish His mission through willpower alone. The Holy Spirit gives power to witness. Our confidence is not in having every answer; it is in the presence and power of God working through ordinary disciples.

Application Question: Where do you feel inadequate or hesitant to talk about Jesus or invest in someone?

Prayer Response: Holy Spirit, give me courage, wisdom, and love to be a faithful witness wherever You have placed me. *Read: Acts 1:6–8; John 15:26–27*

FRIDAY — See the Harvest

Key Verse: Matthew 9:36–38

Reflection: Jesus looked at people with compassion. He saw more than a crowd; He saw people who needed a shepherd and a harvest waiting for workers. The mission field is not only somewhere far away. It includes the people God has already placed around you.

Application Question: Who is your one? What one intentional step will you take to help that person move closer to Jesus?

Prayer Response: Lord of the harvest, help me see people the way You see them. Give me compassion and courage to take my next step with the person You have placed on my heart. *Read: Matthew 9:35–38; Colossians 4:2–6*