



PRAYER

Lord, we have heard you call us to be your disciples, learning from you. Lord, you are our leader and teacher: we come to listen to your living Word. Lord, we have heard you call us to serve you lovingly in the world. Lord, you are the Spirit of life and love: we come to offer our lives to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

[- The Call to Discipleship](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Apart from Jesus, if you could have one teacher teach you a life skill, who would it be and what would they teach you?

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WORD

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

[2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7](#)

Building generationally in discipleship can be seen in Paul's examples. Four generations can be seen in his examples in verse 2:

... what you (Timothy - 2nd generation)

... have heard from me (Paul - 1st generation)

... in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men (3rd generation)

... who will be able to teach others also (4th generation).

Paul then highlights three occupations with qualities that disciples should have. 1) Soldier: willing to suffer for the cause of the Gospel like Christ and to walk in a way that pleases his/her enlister. 2) Athlete: disciplined with a goal of victory found in hope that drives them to compete. 3) Farmer: works hard and is willing to be patient to reap the first share of crops.

All of these qualities are exemplified in how Christ is the ultimate disciple-maker.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how would you rate your capacity to mentor the next generation? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Do you have someone discipling/mentoring you in your faith journey? If so, who are they, and do you see the qualities of the three occupations (soldier, athlete, farmer) in their lives? If not, would you like to have a discipleship mentor? (Ask your Life Group leader for help).
3. Do you consider yourself worth following, spiritually? Why or why not?
4. Do you hope to grow in your spiritual journey in Jesus? If so, what area do you sense God wants to grow you in this season? If not, why not?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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