

## Message Big Idea

We advance the Jesus Mission when we reproduce small groups. That means reproducing Christ-followers, apprentices, leaders, and small groups!

## Scripture

Luke 6:12-16, 2 Timothy 2:1-2

## Points to Keep In Mind

1. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus spent time with his disciples, rubbing shoulders with them and teaching them what it meant to live their life for the Kingdom of God. It was a life-on-life kind of strategy. He modeled it for them, taught them, and coached them when they got it wrong. Overall, he was giving himself to them, so they could learn to live out his vision of the Kingdom of God.
2. We call 2 Timothy 2:2 the 2-2-2 Principle. Paul had taught Timothy, and Timothy was to teach reliable people who would turn around and teach others. There is a sense in which everyone who was a part of the mission would turn around and pass along what they were learning to someone else. That is the heartbeat of our church.
3. One thing that is vital to the five-step apprenticeship process is the talking at the end. When we are learning a new job or role, we may inflate an error to be bigger than it is in our minds and feel bad about our performance, or we may think too highly of ourselves. Good communication and feedback are vital to learning a new skill or process.
4. Often people feel intimidated when they think of becoming a group leader. We believe we need to know the most about the Bible, but the role of a small group leader isn't to be a lecturer of the Bible but to facilitate good discussion in the group.
5. The three apprentice qualities are:
  - a. **Spiritual Velocity.** That doesn't mean you live a perfect life or have this Christ-following thing all figured out. It means that the trajectory of our life is moving closer and closer to Jesus.
  - b. **Teachability.** Apprentices are people who want to grow. They are willing to accept feedback in order to be developed. They don't assume they know it all; they want to learn. Ask yourself: Do I have a desire and openness to grow and be challenged in new ways? If you answer "yes." Then you are teachable!
  - c. **Relational Intelligence.** Relational intelligence is our awareness of how we come across to others. Do we consider how our words and actions impact others? The more self-aware we are, the more we can create an environment where people feel like they matter, where they can be heard and receive care.
6. If you are interested in small group apprenticeship, fill out our interest form at [communitychristian.info](http://communitychristian.info)