

## Disciple Maker | Week 1 - Identify Your Timothy

### Big Idea

Any disciple of Jesus can become a disciple-maker. The first step is to identify your Timothy.

### Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 16:1-5, and 2 Timothy 1:3-5

### Points to Keep In Mind

1. Matthew 28:18-20, often referred to as the Great Commission, supports the definition of a disciple in that Jesus instructs his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything that he has commanded. This implies that discipleship involves both hearing God's Word and acting on it, as well as guiding others to do the same, which is disciple-making.
2. Jesus has ALL authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18), which God gave to him (John 3:35). Therefore, when we ask for Jesus' help in making disciples, no task is too big or impossible. Jesus will help us accomplish what he has set us out to do in his perfect timing and way (Philippians 1:6 and 4:13).
3. Paul's decision to circumcise Timothy was a strategic one for the sake of spreading the Gospel. Paul knew that this would remove a potential stumbling block among the Jews, for in their eyes, only faithful followers of God are circumcised. This did not change Paul's view that circumcision is not necessary for salvation, as he states in Galatians 5:6. Paul continued to uphold his stance that faith in Jesus is what truly matters, not adherence to Jewish customs or laws. Due to Paul's disciple-making of Timothy, the churches were strengthened in faith and grew daily.
4. Near the end of Paul's life, he wrote 2 Timothy 1:3-5. You can hear the deep affection and mutual benefit this disciple-making relationship had for both Paul and Timothy. When we enter into a disciple-making relationship with someone else, they bless us as much as we do to them!

### Additional Questions and Resources

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1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/support](http://communitychristian.org/support)