

Disciple Maker | Week 2 - You Already Have The Ability!

Big Idea

Any disciple of Jesus can become a disciple-maker. What makes someone an effective disciple-maker are practices you have the ability to do.

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:10-17, 2 Timothy 1:1-5, and Ephesians 3:20

Points to Keep In Mind

- 1. 2 Timothy 3:10-17 shows us how Paul invited Timothy into the journey he was already on and encouraged Timothy to continue what he had learned from Paul. Paul had helped Timothy hear from God and then do what He says. The relationship between Paul and Timothy developed through mutual respect, shared ministry experiences, and Paul's intentional investment in Timothy's growth and development as a disciple and leader in the early church. It's not so different for us today.
- 2. In verses 15-17, Scripture is described as "holy," "able to make you wise for salvation," "God-breathed," and "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." "Holy" emphasizes its divine nature, and that it is set apart and inspired by God. "Able to make you wise for salvation" means that Scripture provides the wisdom needed for salvation, guiding us toward understanding and accepting God's plan for our redemption through Jesus. "God-breathed" tells us that the words of Scripture are not merely the product of human authors but were guided and inspired by God's Spirit. Scripture instructs, convicts, guides, and empowers us to live in alignment with God's will to fulfill our purpose as followers of Jesus.
- 3. Paul's thanking God for and praying for Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:3 should not go unnoticed. In fact, praying for your Timothy may be the single most important thing you do. Praying for your Timothy will draw you closer to them. It will make you want to invest your time and see them grow and be transformed. It will also strengthen them. Imagine knowing someone investing in your life is praying for you daily! That can happen in a disciple-making relationship when grounded in prayer. 2 Timothy 1:5 highlights the vital role of parents and grandparents in passing on their faith to the next generation and its tremendous impact on future generations.
- 4. Ephesians 3:20 underscores that it is God's power working within us that will produce results in disciple-making—results that will exceed what we ask or imagine!

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
- 4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
- 5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth
- 6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting communitychristian.org/you