

Disciple Maker | Week 3 - What Disciples Really Need...**Big Idea**

Any disciple of Jesus can become a disciple-maker. You have the ability to meet your disciple's needs.

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:6-10, Philippians 2:19-22, and 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Points to Keep In Mind

1. In 2 Timothy 1:6-10, Paul encourages Timothy by reminding him of his spiritual gifts, emphasizing his courage and strength, affirming his identity in Christ, and highlighting God's grace and purpose and His plan to persevere in the midst of challenges. This encouragement likely gave Timothy renewed confidence and courage in adversity.
2. The concept of fanning into flame the gift of God reminds us today of the responsibility and privilege we have been given to serve God and others with the unique gifts that God has entrusted us with. When we use the gifts God has given us, we will find that God will provide us with the power, love, and self-discipline we need through the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:3).
3. Paul's confidence in giving Timothy opportunities would have validated Timothy's abilities, enabling him to pursue his ministry boldly. Feeling trusted by Paul would have empowered Timothy to make decisions and take the initiative in his ministry endeavors, fostering his growth and development as a leader. Paul states that Timothy is one of a kind in the way he shows genuine concern. He says that Timothy has a proven track record and is trustworthy. He refers to Timothy as his son, which shows how close they were.
4. In 1 Timothy 4:12-16, Paul tells Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because of his age. He instructs Timothy to set an example in speech, love, faith, and purity. He tells him to devote himself to the public reading of Scripture, preaching, and teaching. He adds to not neglect his gift and to be diligent in all things, to persevere so that all who witness this will be saved, as well as Timothy himself. Just as Paul encouraged Timothy to set an example, we can strive to do the same in our families, communities, and workplaces. As Timothy, we can prioritize reading and applying Scripture to our daily lives, utilize our gifts as God calls us to, and persevere in the midst of life's challenges.

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