

**Disciple Maker | Week 4 - How We Can Change The World!****Big Idea**

Any disciple of Jesus can become a disciple-maker. And when every disciple becomes a disciple-maker, we will change the world.

**Scripture**

2 Timothy 2:2, Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, and 2 Timothy 4:6-8

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. The overall theme of 2 Timothy 2:2 is about passing on teachings and knowledge to others who can, in turn, teach others as well. This concept aligns with the idea of disciple-making, where we, as Christ's followers, not only learn from our mentors but also pass on what we have learned to others to continue the cycle of discipleship, much like the passing of a baton in a relay race. This directly affects our mission of helping people find their way back to God and how we prepare people to teach and carry on the Good News of Jesus to future generations. If we don't do this, the mission and the Good News will stop with us. Note that this verse has four generations of disciple-making: 1) Paul, 2) Timothy, 3) reliable men, and 4) those who will also be qualified to teach others.
2. Right before Jesus left Earth, he gave us the Great Commission, as we studied in Week 1 in Matthew 28:16-20. He also laid out a clear vision for how he wanted his commission carried out. He shares that vision in a succinct and compelling way in Acts 1:8. This kind of disciple-making process starts in Jerusalem, goes to Judea, to Samaria, and the ends of the earth...one person at a time...this is how we accomplish Jesus' commission! I believe Paul heard this Acts 1:8 vision, came alongside Timothy, and told him, "This discipling process is the strategy for fulfilling Jesus' vision!" And to Paul's credit, he lived it out and modeled it for us. Paul gives us a great example.
3. In 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Paul tells Timothy to preach the word and be prepared to season, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. No matter how people react, Paul urges Timothy to keep his head in all situations, endure hardship, evangelize, and perform all his ministry duties. These instructions can undoubtedly be helpful to us today as followers of Christ, as we often face growing opposition to our faith.
4. When Paul refers to his life as a drink offering, he refers to the Old Testament practice of pouring a drink offering in worship (Numbers 15:1-10 & 28:1-8). After a priest sacrificed a lamb, ram, or bull, he would pour wine near the altar to symbolize the dedication of the worship to God. Here in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 at the end of his life, Paul felt his life was being poured out as an act of worship on behalf of those he served. How is your life being poured out as Paul's?

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