

# “Marks of Disciple”

## Session 8 – The Secret Power of Discipleship

### Lesson Outline:

**Opening thought: Being a disciple of Christ means that not only are we concerned about our ongoing spiritual growth, but we also are concerned with the spiritual growth of others.**

### **Key Passage**

*<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:1–2, ESV)*

### **Understanding the Passage**

- “You then, my child”
  - This is an emphatic pronoun. Paul is stressing the difference between Timothy and “other people.” Timothy was supposed to be different. We are supposed to be different.
- “Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus”
  - This is similar to a phrase we’ve already looked at in this series – “grow in grace”
  - Let’s review the ways we are to “grow in grace.”
    - Repentant life
    - Healthy habits
    - Eternally minded
    - Generous Living
    - Theologically sound
    - Missional heart
- “what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”
  - The 4 generations of discipleship
    - “heard from me” – Paul – generation 1
    - “what you have heard” – Timothy – generation 2
    - “entrust to faithful men” – generation 3
    - “able to teach others” – generation 4
  - Discipleship matters because it’s supposed to be passed on

### **Unlocking the Secret Power of Discipleship**

1. Make sure you are being disciplined
2. Intentionally disciple others

**Closing Thought: As you commit to follow Christ, commit to the discipleship process in the lives of others.**

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. How did you do this past week in your commitment to have a missional heart? Can you tell us about any specific encounters you had?
2. How has a commitment to being disciplined made an impact in your life?
3. What specific things do you do to make sure you are being disciplined?
4. Have you ever intentionally disciplined someone else? Tell us about that experience?
5. What keeps you from intentionally disciplining someone else?
6. What can you do this week to help you start disciplining another person?