

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## *Full-Spectrum Discipleship #8*

Watch the video summary of the **April 19, 2015 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Multiplication of Discipleship." Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 2:1-7) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

#### FOR FULL-SPECTRUM DISCIPLESHIP, GOD HAS GIVEN US

1. **The strength to serve** (1)
  - A. We do not simply muster enough human strength, we are transformed and empowered by God's grace.
  - B. God does the saving and strengthening so we can serve.
2. **The plan to follow** (2)
  - A. God entrust the Word and ministry to Paul, Paul trusts it to Timothy.
  - B. Timothy entrust the Word and ministry to "faithful men," and faithful men trust it to "others."
  - C. We cannot tell how or when the multiplication will begin, but we must keep entrusting ministry to others.
  - D. Each of us were spiritually born to reproduce.
3. **Models to consider** (3-6)
  - A. Soldier (stays focused on entrusting ministry to the faithful, not getting entangled with civilian life)
  - B. Athlete (competes according to the rules)
  - C. Farmer (hard effort for future reward)

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: If we are not aware of our need for grace, and we do not ask for it, then we can be pretty sure we are serving in our own human strength. Talk about your growing awareness of the need for God's unique activity in your life in order to serve God's Kingdom and be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Talk about your growing dependence on prayer.
2. Based on #2, above: Paul continued to entrust the ministry to others. That was his plan. Who has entrusted you with ministry? What did that look like?
3. Based on #2, above: Paul instructs Timothy to trust ministry "to faithful men" and to others. Who have you entrusted ministry to? Who have you taught and released to minister? What does this look like?
4. Based on #2, above: Paul was not focused on assessments, paradigms or exact timelines. What do we learn from him?
5. Based on #3, above: which model (Soldier, Athlete or Farmer) most resonates with you? Notice the parenthetical descriptions of each model. What does each model teach us?
6. This is God's plan to reach the world. That plan rests on your faithfulness and mine. Discuss.