

A Culture of Discipleship

1 Timothy 1:1-2

Introduction: The term “Christian” appears three times in the NT; the term “disciple” appears 246 times in the Gospels and Acts!

“Christ did not come to make Christians; He came to make disciples.” -

Robby Gallaty

Matthew 28:18-20

“The Great Commission calls us to do more than work to convert people.

It calls us to teach them, to ground them, to help them grow in conformity to Christ. That is our mission.” - R.C. Sproul

We are obeying the Great Commission when we come alongside a believer and help them follow Jesus.

Key Truth: *One of the most fulfilling aspects of following Christ is helping someone else to follow Christ.*

Timothy and Titus were not senior pastors, they were apostolic delegates.

1 Timothy 6:21; 2 Timothy 4:22; Titus 3:15

The main purpose of 1 Timothy can be summarized in three words: guard the truth.

It is your fallenness, not your sanctification, that causes you to rebel against proper authority.

Philippians 2:19-22

I. Discipleship Begins in the Home

Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15

Timothy’s mother wasn’t waiting for someone in the church to teach her son the Scriptures; she took the responsibility upon herself to acquaint her son with God’s Word.

Ephesians 6:4

Read and pray with your kids.

II. Discipleship Extends into the Church

Timothy genuinely reproduced the spiritual characteristics of Paul.

A. Paul Discipled Timothy by Teaching

2 Timothy 1:13; 2:1-2; Hebrews 5:11-12

B. Paul Discipled Timothy by Setting an Example

1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 4:9

C. Paul Discipled Timothy by Calling Him to Action

III. Discipleship Happens in the Context of Relationship

Just as Jesus poured into the twelve, so they went on to pour into the lives of others, and followers of Christ have been multiplying ever since.