

# ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL

HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

A STUDY IN 2 TIMOTHY

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## What Do We Do With The Gospel?

*Three Gospel Imperatives*

2 Timothy 2:8-18

After the resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus commissioned His disciples to “go and make disciples”. But what exactly does that mean? And how do we go about doing that? As we study 2 Timothy, a letter written by Paul to one of his disciples (Timothy), we hope to gain clarity on how we can be faithful to the Great Commission by seeing, in this letter, discipleship in action.

### TWO VERY SIMPLE DEFINITIONS

#### What is a disciple of Jesus?

- *Someone who follows Jesus.*

#### What is discipleship?

- *Helping someone follow Jesus.  
(Through intentional teaching, modelling, correcting, loving.)*

### 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-18

#### What does Paul teach Timothy, his disciple, to do with the gospel?

*Three gospel imperatives:*

1. Don't be ashamed of the gospel (v. 8)
2. Be prepared to suffer for the gospel (v. 8-12)
3. Guard the gospel carefully (v. 12-18)

# Study Guide



## Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. Paul urges Timothy to not be ashamed of the gospel, to be willing to suffer for it, and to guard it carefully. How would you outline the gospel in just a few sentences? What does it mean to “guard the gospel”?
2. What does it mean to be a disciple? And what is involved in discipling someone else?
3. How does the fear of suffering affect your intention to speak the gospel boldly?
4. If someone is suffering for the gospel, what can we do to come alongside them?
5. If someone is suffering for the gospel, does that mean they’re being disobedient? How can you answer that simply based on the life and teaching of Paul?
6. Reflection: Do you have a friend you would call spiritually “refreshing”? Do you know someone who needs a refreshing friend? Are you being that refreshing friend to others? Would someone say your company is “refreshing” to them?
7. Do you have a “Paul” in your life? Do you have a “Timothy” that you’re discipling? If so, who? If not, why not?



## Recommended Resources

- ***Multiply by Francis Chan.*** Chan has created an excellent book (and a series of videos to accompany it) meant to provide a basic introduction to the Christian faith that can be used in discipleship relationships. *You can download all the material (including the audio book) for free at [multiplymovement.com](http://multiplymovement.com)*
- ***Discipling by Mark Dever.*** This short book provides a simple but straightforward overview of discipleship and what is involved in making disciples. *It was this book that I got the definitions of disciple and discipleship from.*