

# PARENT GUIDE

## Lesson 8.4: Your Discipleship Journey

JOURNEY

IDENTITY

### ► SCRIPTURE READING

- » Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14–15
- » Philippians 2:19–20; 1 Timothy 1:5; 4:12
- » 2 Timothy 1:8–13; 2:14; 3:16–17
- » 2 Timothy 2:1–2

### SUMMARY:

Timothy's life is an example of what a Christian discipleship journey can look like when a believer is impacted by godly mentorship, displays godly patterns in everyday life, focuses on studying and applying God's Word, and shares the Gospel.

While growing up and as an adult, Timothy surrounded himself with godly mentors who pointed Him to God. These included his grandmother, mother and the Apostle Paul.

As Timothy grew older, Paul reminded him that a disciple of Jesus who faithfully imitates Christ will live in a manner others want to emulate. He encouraged Timothy to set goals that helped him grow in Christ.

Paul explained to Timothy (and us!) that part of imitating Christ requires Christians to saturate themselves in God's Word. The benefits of doing this are that the Bible can then guide and guard your life.

Finally, Paul encouraged Timothy to share what he learned and continue spreading to others the Gospel God has entrusted to all Christians, including us.

### ► MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » 2 Timothy 3:16–17\*
- » 1 Timothy 4:12
- » 2 Timothy 2:1–2

### ► IDENTITY INSIGHT

**I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. As I mature in my faith and study God's Word, I become more like Him, demonstrating a life of love that leads people to the Gospel.**

### ► IMPORTANT IDEAS:

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP:** "The process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the indwelling Holy Spirit to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike"<sup>5</sup>

**SATURATE:** literally, completely filling with something such as Scripture, which when put in the minds of Christians, is a benefit to them (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**MINISTRY OF MULTIPLICATION:** the concept of a disciple coming alongside another individual to evangelize, encourage and train them in Christ so that the individual becomes a disciple themselves, able to continue the process with another person. Ultimately, this process results in a Christ-follower who is "able to evangelize the lost, establish the converts, equip the disciples, and spend in-depth training time with the workers, producing leaders of disciple-making teams."<sup>6</sup>