

# 11 Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without

## “Who's Your Timothy? You Need A Protege”

### 1 Timothy 1:6-14

- A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.
- “How many people who make it in life, who get to the other side, forget to \_\_\_\_\_?”
- Paul is always seen pushing Timothy out to the front. Whenever he begins a letter to a church, many times, he brings greetings from him and Timothy.
- Look at I Cor. 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Col. 1:1, I Thessalonians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:1
- A healthy tree is not a single tree; a healthy tree is a tree with heirs....a \_\_\_\_\_ of trees.
- Proverbs 22:17. “Pay attention and listen to the saying of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach.”
- We have to develop a culture of passing the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I urge you to let's put feet on “WE GROW PEOPLE” by growing the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- Who are we walking alongside, challenging, encouraging, and disciplining? Our job is to \_\_\_\_\_ others what we know, and to empower them to walk on their own.

Here are some ways that we are encouraged to mentor and be mentored:

1. Let time develop “the slow labor of apostolic exposure and experience to take place.”
2. Be open to team eldership and relational models. Look for ways to grow people as a team.
3. Cherish shared silence with the person or people you are mentoring. “
4. Be a sounding board for someone who needs to find his or her song.
5. Have a Timothy in your life that is imaginative.
6. Have a Timothy that is teachable and be a Timothy that is teachable.
7. Make discipleship a habit in your relationships/friendships.

### **Let's review. Check ourselves:**

1. Who is Timothy?
2. What made his relationship with Paul so special?
3. How did Paul use intentionality by pushing Timothy to grow?
4. Who has served as your Paul-your mentor?
5. Why is that relationship so special? What is the most significant thing that you have learned from them?
6. Do you have a 'Timothy' in your life-a person that you are mentoring?
7. How are you mentoring them?

### **Ongoing self reflection questions:**

- \*Am I more open to mentoring or being mentored?
- \*Do I have people in my life that can share wisdom with me?
- \*Do I have people in my life that I can share wisdom with?
- \*Recognizing that some mentoring takes place from a far, how is my walk in witness?  
Am I mentoring positively even when I am not aware of who is learning from me?
- \*Do people that see me interact with people and care for others see Jesus?
- \*What does my facebook page or tweets say about who I am to modern day  
'Timothys?'
- \*Does my witness reflect my faith in God or my faith in myself?
- \*Am I teachable or do I act like I have all the answers?
- \*Am I available and accessible to those that I am mentoring?
- \*Am I real with the people who share with me or do I act like life is perfect, I am perfect and they should be perfect too?
- \*Do I challenge, embrace creativity and new ideas and diverse personalities or do I cling to modern day Paul's and Timothy's who are just like me?
- \*Do I celebrate the growth moments of others?
- \*Do I recall who poured into my life and honor them?

### **Assignments**

- Chapter 5 Who's Your Barnabas? You Need an Encourager - Acts 9:20-28