

WEEK SIX: FRUIT AND MULTIPLYING

What is the evidence of the grace of God in our lives? What will we see when someone is fully devoted to Jesus? The Bible is very direct and specific about how God will work in two areas of our lives. First, there is going to be fruit in our character (Galatians 5:22-26). Second, there will be a multiplication of changed lives (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

● OPENING QUESTION

How was it sharing your next steps with someone else last week and are you actually moving forward in that plan?

● READ

2 Timothy 2:1-13

The apostle Paul invited Timothy to join him on his missionary journey and mentored him. They walked with Jesus together, and God moved powerfully in Timothy's life to transform his timidity into an overflowing love. During his fourth missionary journey, Paul encouraged Timothy to guide the believers at Ephesus. Part of Timothy's calling is the same as our calling: pass on what Jesus has taught you. Spiritual growth never stops with you; it is also connected with how God wants you to build up other people in their faith. To the one who has received much from God, much will be required. It is a pure joy to see generations of people walking closely with Jesus. You will be amazed at how God will work through you in spite of your weaknesses.

● REFLECT

2 Timothy 2:1-13

WHO IS GOD?

WHAT HAS GOD DONE?

WHO ARE WE?

HOW DO WE LIVE?

● REPENT

Is your view of God too small? Are you trying to limit what He can do in your life? Are you letting your past failures weigh you down and become your identity? Jesus wants to bring a new freedom. Patterns of sin can be broken; new ways of talking with people and a vibrant attitude are yours in the Lord. As you intentionally pour your life into people and challenge them to do the same, communities can be changed. Jesus builds His kingdom through people who both display genuine fruit in their character and multiplication. You cannot accomplish these goals in your own strength. Embrace God's plan and power today.

● RESPOND

MIND: When have you joyfully sensed God working through you? (Colossians 1:28-29)

HEART: How do deep and healthy roots lead to more fruit? (Matthew 7:15-20)

HANDS: Choose one specific person who you can both help them to grow in their faith and ask them to help someone else grow as well. Begin an intentional multiplication of spiritual impact like Paul did with Timothy and like we see with Jesus and the disciples. (John 21:15-17)

● PRAYER

Ask God for clarity and courage in this new season and endeavor. (Philippians 4:8)