

Providing Life-Changing Relationships 2 Timothy



- Discipleship is the key to our church's future. Why?

First, because discipleship is God's way of passing our faith along

Second, because discipleship is God's way of growing new Christians

Third, because discipleship is God's way of distributing the work of the ministry

Fourth, because discipleship is _____ way of providing accountability to the believer

- Because of the discipleship relationship of Paul and Timothy, Timothy was a spiritual _____ to Paul. 1:2, 2:1
- Timothy's accountability to Paul produced _____ in his life.
- What exactly is accountability? It is submitting yourself to the spiritual authority of another person for the purpose of spiritual _____ and development in your life.
- Jesus practiced the principle of accountability with His disciples.
 - ⇒ Jesus trained them, equipped them, sent them out, and had them report back.

⇒ Jesus used accountability as a catalyst to bring growth and _____ in the lives of His disciples.

- *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."* **Hebrews 13:17**
- *"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."* **1 Thessalonians 5:12-14**
- Accountability happens in _____ groups and close friendships – in face-to-face relationships.
- Growing and _____ is what it is all about, but remember, it will not happen without accountability in your life.
- *"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."* **Ephesians 5:21**

Discipleship – it truly is the key to our church's future!