

Discussion Questions
Father's Day – 2 Timothy 2:1-7

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Opener: How did your father speak into your life growing up?

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. 2 Timothy 2:1-7

1. Based on these verses, what was Paul's main concern for Timothy?

2. Why would passing these truths on to other faithful people be the best way to guard the good news of Jesus? Talk about how this process has worked in your own life?

3. Why is it important for others to hear, from your perspective, about God's faithfulness in your own life during difficult times?

4. What are each of the three images in verses 3-7 illustrating?

5. How are the three different and what do they have in common?
6. Are you more like a soldier, athlete or farmer? Why?
7. After discussing this passage more in depth, what insights have you received today? (see verse 7)

Praying It Through

Think about your own fathers and their impact on your life. Give thanks for them and pray about how you can also be spiritual fathers and mothers to others.

For reflection in the group or on your own:

- A. How have you seen God use others to counsel or “disciple” you, specifically through encouraging you in your study of the Word of God? Why might those times be important for you as you seek to help others?
- B. In what aspect of your life do you most need the benefit of community?

Next week, we will conclude “Uncharted Territory” covering Acts 5:17-42. There will be discussion questions available at www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads