

THE FAITH WE LEAVE BEHIND

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

GETTING STARTED

• Is there someone you know who isn't alive anymore who significantly shaped your faith? Were they present with you?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text.
 What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does it mean to be strengthened by grace? How exactly do we go about doing that?
- Can you explain why making disciples that make disciples that make disciples is key to Christian ministry?
- Talk about Paul's three analogies: the soilder, the athlete and the farmer. Discuss what these mini parables are describing for a life in ministry.

WRAPPING UP

 What does it look like to ponder things in our hearts? How would you go about that discipline? Consider the content that you are consuming in your walk with God..are you consuming too much? too little? What does the process of letting something take root in our hearts look like?