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Grace Group Discussion Guide

“Foundations of Discipleship”
2 Timothy 1:1–5
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Questions

1. What voices, “trends”, or sources of worldly wisdom are we tempted to treat as authoritative in our lives?

2. What key character qualities did the apostle Paul live out that were so counter cultural to our “influencer” culture? Which of these qualities do you need to “put on” and which of these behaviors and attitudes do you need to “put off”?

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-11.
   How does this passage make us think about what God has already “granted/provided” for our growth, and how should this shape our “effort”, “diligence”, and spiritual practice?

4. In what areas of your life has God given you maturity or wisdom that you could use to discipleship someone else? To whom?

5. In what areas of your life are you immature, foolish, or need to grow, and need to ask for help in discipleship? By whom?

6. Think of your friends, how can you grow in showing them gospel affection?

7. In what area of your life are your “allegiances” out of balance? What people, priorities, identities, or pursuits are competing with your ultimate allegiance to Christ?

Missions Prayer Requests – Stepanian Family

1. Please pray for revival in East Africa! Pray that God would pour out his Spirit and that many souls would come to Christ and be saved!

2. Please pray for our local church to be strengthened in knowledge of the Word, in wisdom, in practicing the one-another’s, and by the addition of more qualified Elders.

3. Please pray for our hearts as we grieve the loss of Nina and Jack; and for faithfulness at home as we continue to train and teach, discipline and disciple the 10 kids around our table.

4. Please pray for the remainder of 2026 - That John Paul and Sarah would reengage the life of the ministry, our personal responsibilities, and all the opportunities for loving and serving and teaching and leading that the Lord gives to us as we finish out this year. And also for the youth conference in Karuma in December: for faithful and fruitful ministry.