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SO WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

One Definition

Discipleship - Pouring into others, training them in Word, in Relationship, and in Ministry, so that they might develop as healthy believers who can:

- walk by faith,
- share their faith
- multiply their faith

Head - Heart - Hands

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DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Matt 28: 19-20

Modeled by the Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus Himself drew near and went with them Luke 24:15

- Must be personal – requires personal interaction
- Must be intentional (going, making, baptizing, teaching)
- Must be continual – "Disciple-making is the Word of God shaping men and women within life-on-life relationships."
- Must be repeatable – disciples ran back to Jerusalem



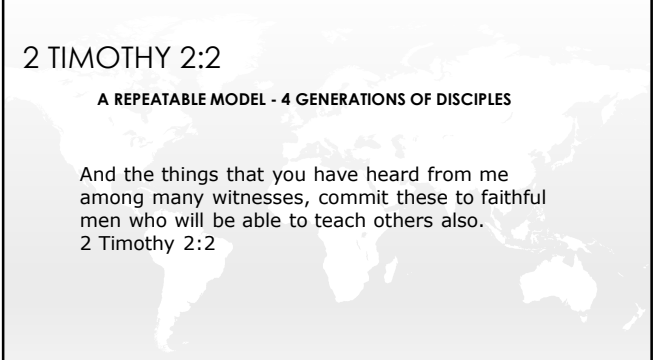
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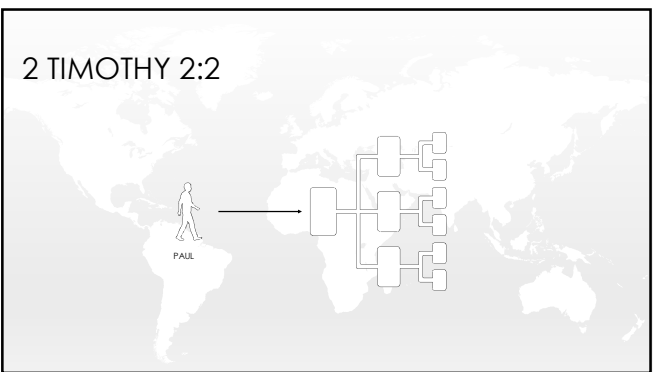
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A REPEATABLE MODEL - 4 GENERATIONS OF DISCIPLES

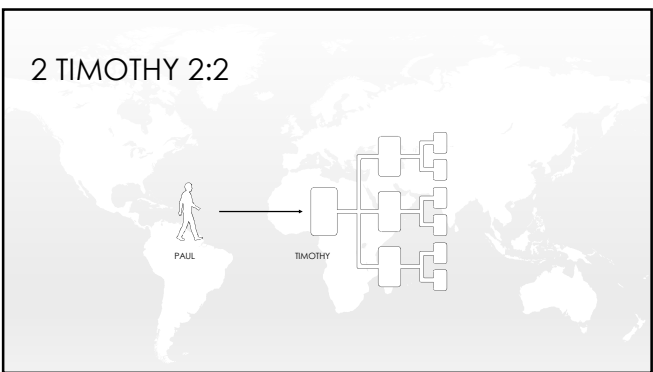
And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
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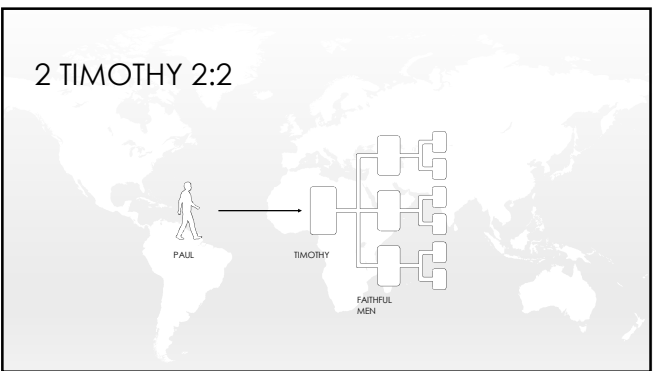
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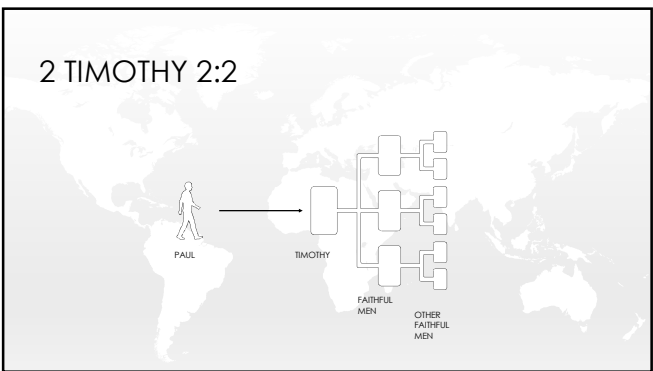
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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STRENGTHENING DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?

- **Obedience** – Matt 28 - we are commanded to make disciples
- **Evangelism** – when was the last time someone was saved?
- **Strength** – spiritually strong believers make spiritually strong churches
- **Growth** – spiritual growth and numerical growth
- **Unity** – Our purposes are aligned with God's will
- **Leadership Development** – Identify and develop future leaders



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