

Family Focused
Loving Your Neighbor

Introduction: A working model to help us think through the process of discipleship:

- Securely _____
- Personally _____
- Family _____
 - Galatians 5:14
 - Who is your neighbor?
 - _____ door neighbor
 - Matthew 5:43-44
 - Luke 10
 - Matthew 22:37-40
 - _____ door neighbor
- Mature _____

Two Concepts Outlining the Importance of Family Focused in Discipleship from 2 Timothy 2:1-2:

1. “F_____” teaches there are essential family relationship roles that I must actively fulfill.
 - A. To determine what a faithful man is, we must ask what are the essential _____ of man.
 - B. Essential responsibilities for men and women include family relationships:
 - 1 Timothy 2:10, 15
 - 1 Timothy 3:4
 - 1 Timothy 5:1-2
 - 1 Timothy 5:3-4 - Who should care for _____?
 - 1 Timothy 5:8 - If you professing Christian family members do not care for widows in their family, then they have denied the _____?
 - 1 Timothy 5:11-14
 - C. Who is a faithful man?
 - He is a man of f_____ (securely saved)
 - He is a man with certain spiritual disciplines and consistently exhibits the fruit of the Spirit (Personally Progressed)
 - If he is married, then he is lovingly leading his wife.
 - If he has children, then he is faithfully bringing them up.
 - If he is a brother, then he is treating his siblings with purity and brotherly love.

- If he is a son or a grandson, he is making sure the needs of any widows in his family are covered.
 - There are essential family roles that he is actively fulfilling.
2. Faithfulness in these essential family roles qualifies men/women to be a mature mentor.
- A. Who will be _____ to teach others also.
 - B. 1 Corinthians 9:27
 - C. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 - If you don't know how to treat your own family correctly, you will not have the right model for ministering to those in the church family.
 - D. Titus 2:15 - What are the things Paul is to speak, exhort, and rebuke with all authority?
 - How is the Word of God blasphemed? Titus 2:3-5
 - How does the opponent have nothing evil to say of you? Titus 2:6-8
 - How do we make the doctrine of God attractive? Titus 2:9-10
 - Why is it so important that we are personally progressing and family focused?
 - E. The grace of God that brings _____ teaches us we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.
 - F. When our lives do not match what the Gospel teaches us to do, we will not be a mature mentor but a _____ mentor.

Questions to consider:

1. What have I been studying and applying from my time in the Word of God?
2. How have I been sharing or applying what I have learned in the context of family relationships?
3. Why is Christianity not to be lived in isolation?
4. What's the difference between the terms neighbor, next door neighbor, and same door neighbor? Which one is the most neglected?
5. In 1 Timothy, does Paul minimize or emphasize family relationships? How? Why?
6. If you are looking for someone to disciple you, how would this lesson influence your search?
7. How are my family relationships a testing ground for mature mentoring?
8. Who are your neighbors? How are you doing at loving them?
9. Who are your closest neighbors? How are you doing at loving them?
10. Why did Paul address family relationships so frequently in the pastoral epistles? What implications does that have on our church?