



Oakwood

CHURCH

June 5 Discussion Questions

“The Character of a Disciple-Maker”

1 Timothy 3:1-13

PREVIEW

KEY POINT: Making disciples is less about your competence and far more about your character.

- Character is measured by your likeness to God’s character.
- Character is gauged by general tendencies, not by a few isolated actions.

What are the character qualities of a disciple-maker?

- Above reproach (v.2a)
- Self-mastery (v.2b)
- Hospitality (v.2c)

OPENING QUESTION

1. Who is someone you deeply respect for their character? Which specific character qualities do you admire in them?

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ — 1 Timothy 3:1-13

EXPLORE

2. Who is this passage written to? Do you feel it's appropriate to expand it to "disciple-makers" in general? Why or why not?
3. What do you observe about the types of qualifications listed in this passage? What do they highlight? Why do you think this is?
4. Which character qualities are listed here? Which ones stand out to you? Why?

DISCUSS

5. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. How do we get the idea for a ministry of multiplication from this verse?
6. What is essential in order for a ministry of multiplication to take effect?
7. Why is character so important for a christian? In what way does character influence competence and fruitfulness?
8. Share from our own story how you've learned the value of character over competence? What experiences brought this to light?
9. How is it that we produce the character of God in us? What works and what doesn't work?
10. What does a tendency to overdrink, receive worldly comfort, or need entertainment reveal about a deeper issue of *escapism*? What are we wanting to escape from? How does Jesus promise to meet this need?
11. What is hospitality and how does it advance disciple-making? What does the gift of hospitality look like? Should those without the gift ever feel pressure to be hospitable within their homes?

APPLY

12. Which of these character qualities might God be calling you to grow in? How might it affect your disciple-making efforts?
13. In what way(s) do you need to change your approach to growing your character in Christ?
14. How would you say your community group has developed your character as a man or woman of God?

PRAY

- Personal Request: Pray for the formation of effective discipleship groups which leads to spiritual growth.
- Ministry: Pray for the **Women's Ministry** to have wisdom as they plan and implement opportunities for genuine fellowship and spiritual growth among Oakwood's women.