



Topeka Bible Church
NextStep, Message #15:
"Your Next Relational Step: Turn Lumps of Coal into Diamonds!"

Community Group Study Questions
2 Timothy 2:2 and selected passages

1. Have you ever had a mentor? If so, who was your mentor and what was that experience like? If you've never had a mentor, why do you think having one is valuable in the Christian life (*Psalm 78:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:2*)?
2. How does Jesus serve as an example of a mentor (*Mark 3:14*)? For what purpose did Jesus call these twelve disciples? Why might Jesus have needed these twelve men as He carried out His ministry on earth?
3. What is the ultimate purpose of mentoring (*Colossians 1:28*)? Why do we really need a mentor in order to see this purpose accomplished in our lives? What must we do in order for our own mentoring to be effective (*Colossians 1:29*)?
4. Why is commitment so important in order for a mentor to succeed (*1 Thessalonians 2:8*)? As a mentor, are you imparting your lives to those whom your mentor? Why is it important for a mentor to model Christlikeness in his/her life (*1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; Colossians 4:9*)?

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5. Why must a mentor be transparent and honest (*Proverbs 27:17; Ephesians 4:15; Hebrews 10:24*)? How can a failure to do this hinder one's effectiveness as a mentor (*1 Thessalonians 2:4-6*)?

6. Why is it important to look for a protégé or "mentee" who is faithful (*2 Timothy 2:2*), available (*Matthew 4:19*), and teachable (*Proverbs 9:9; 12:15; 14:6*)? How did the disciples serve as good examples of this? How can we follow their example?

7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Is there anyone in your life to whom you can serve as a mentor? What steps can you take this week to initiate this kind of relationship? Are you looking for a mentor? Who is someone that you respect whom you can approach? How can you learn and grow from them?

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Memory Verse:

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

(2 Timothy 2:2, NASB)

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