

Summit Woods Baptist Church
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

2 Timothy 2:2

Next Sunday's sermon will not be from 1 Corinthians, but **our Sermon Study Equipping Class WILL still meet together for discussion**. The sermon will come from 2 Timothy 2:2 about training leaders in the church. This sermon is part of the elders' Healthy Church series.

❖ Day 1

Background: Paul had left Timothy in Ephesus to lead the young church there. One of Timothy's primary tasks was to address the false teachers in Ephesus and to ensure that faithful shepherds were raised up to instruct the people in the things of God.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2.

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1. What was Timothy's assignment from Paul?
2. Where was Timothy to find the strength for his important task?
3. In 1 Tim 1:11 & 18, Paul said that he had been entrusted with the gospel and that he was entrusting Timothy with the charge to instruct those in the church. Now in 2 Tim 2:2, Paul is instructing Timothy to entrust these things to others. What does it mean to entrust something to someone?
4. Paul says to "entrust to faithful men." What evidences would you look for in a man's life to determine if he is a faithful man?

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5. What are those “faithful men” supposed to do?
6. Knowing that Timothy often accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys, who were the “many witnesses” to whom Paul preached in Timothy’s presence?
7. Timothy was to identify some faithful men that he could teach. Who do you think identified the next sets of faithful men? And the ones after that?

❖ Day 2

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2 again.

8. Who invested in affirming and sending Paul out for ministry? (see Acts 11:19-26, 13:1-3)
9. Other than Timothy, who else did Paul invest in for service in the church?
10. How did Jesus exemplify the concept in 2 Timothy 2:2? (see Mark 3:14, 6:7-12)
11. Read Exodus 18:13-27. What was the concern of Moses' father-in-law?
 - a. What advice did he give to Moses?

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- b. What are the similarities between what Moses was encouraged to do and what Paul instructed Timothy to do?

❖ Day 3

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2 again.

- 12. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. How does this passage encourage a concept similar to 2 Timothy 2:2?

- 13. In American church history, most pastoral training has occurred in seminaries. What are some benefits of more local church involvement in pastoral training?

- 14. What are some potential challenges for a local church pursuing such leadership development?

- a. What are some potential challenges for the trainees?

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15. List ways that we as a church can encourage and support the training and ministry of faithful men within our body (both those who have already been identified and entrusted and those who will be identified and entrusted in the future)?
- a. What role can you, as a layperson, play in the identification and training of future church leaders? (Think about how you can enhance the training and how you can help to mitigate some of the challenges.)

In preparation for Sunday, pray for those currently training for and doing ministry at Summit Woods. Pray that God would raise up more faithful men from our congregation to serve as church leaders. Pray that we as a church body would invest well in equipping current and future church leaders – both to serve in our own body and throughout Christ's kingdom.