

These questions are for the August 2, 2026 message, “Discipleship: Growth through the Grind.” Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 2:1-13) out loud.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Growing up as disciples of Jesus, we are strengthened by grace in Christ Jesus (v. 1)
2. Growing up as disciples of Jesus, we are to faithfully teach others (v. 2)
3. Growing up as disciples of Jesus, we are to share in Christ’s suffering...
 - A. ...like a Soldier (v. 3-4)
 - B. ...like an Athlete (v. 5)
 - C. ...like a hard-working Farmer (v. 6)
4. Growing up as disciples of Jesus, we are to think and live in terms of eternity (v. 7-13)
5. Practical Application: Encouragement in the midst of trouble.
 - A. Suffering well results in deep and abiding hope (Romans 5:1-5)
 - B. Suffering well teaches us humility and trust, which allow us to recognize God’s power at work (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
 - C. Suffering well allows us (and others) to experience the glory of God (John 11:1-7, 38-44)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you’ve trusted Jesus as Lord and Savior, and your sin has been forgiven, share with your life group the difference that makes on your eternity. Also, share honestly about the difference your salvation makes on your life in the “here and now.”
2. Think about a time when someone helped you to open God’s Word and to better-understand it. How did that experience impact you? Share about a time when you’ve been able to do the same for someone else.
3. Do you ever find yourself getting so caught up in your circumstances that it’s hard to have hope beyond today? How can your life group encourage you, helping you to “think in terms of eternity?”
4. On a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being “easy” and 10 being “extremely hard,” how difficult is it for you to be patient when you’re suffering hardship? Explain your answer.
5. Share with your group about a time when someone else put their own interests aside to come alongside of you when you were suffering. Share about a time when you did the same for someone else. What did God teach you in those experiences? How did he use others to minister to you, and you to minister to others?