

becoming a CATALYST

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

2 Timothy 2:2



If you could leave one message for your great-grandkids to read 100 years from now what would that be?

1. Who did God use to pass faith on to you?
 - How did they specifically do or say that influenced you towards Jesus and belief?
2. In **Psalm 78:1-8** God calls for His message of faith to be spread primarily through relationships rather than through institutions or programmes – why do you believe He did this?
 - This Psalm also contrasts those who hope in God against those who forget God and become unfaithful – why or how can someone grow up in the Church and yet struggle to trust God personally?
 - What can parents, Church leaders and other Christians (you) do to help people stand on a true, strong faith?
3. According to **Romans 10:13-15** what is God's normal way of bringing people to faith?
 - With the Romans passage in mind, and also considering Matthew 28: 18-20 what responsibility do you have to pass on the Gospel to others?
 - What is one small step you can take to begin doing this?

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.** What is the message that Paul is calling us to pass on?
- Why is it important to pass on the message of Jesus rather than simply passing on Church, Christian traditions, or moral values?
 - What can happen if Christians emphasise behaviour, or traditions more than the Gospel itself?
 - If a non-believing friend gave you two minutes to explain the Gospel, what would you say?
 - What part of the Gospel do you believe people would most struggle to understand?
5. In **2 Timothy 2:1-2** there is a chain: Paul – Timothy – faithful people – others, each who has received the Gospel is called to pass it on – what does this teach about our responsibility in Christian discipleship?
- Who was it that invested in Paul's life? Who invested in Timothy's life?
 - Can you name someone who is investing in your spiritual life now?
 - Who is someone you can intentionally encourage, disciple, mentor or pray for over the next six months?
6. Andrew meets Jesus in **John 1:40-42** and immediately brings his brother to Jesus – what stands out in this account to you?
- Why did Simon readily go with Andrew to Jesus?
 - How can we create environments that will help our friends, relatives, or colleagues make their own response to Jesus?

Will you pass it on?

- If you were to follow the example of the chain in 2 Timothy 2:2 whose name would be after you?
- Which area needs greater attention in your life right now?
 - Passing faith to the next generation?
 - Passing the hope of the Gospel to those around you?
- What is one story of God's faithfulness from your life that you should share with others more regularly?

Spend some time praying:

- For the next generation to know, trust and follow Jesus.
 - For opportunities for you to share the hope of Jesus.
 - For courage, wisdom and faithfulness in passing on what we have received.
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