

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*GROWTH CYCLE*  
*2 Timothy 3:10-17*  
Stuart Jones - November 5, 2017



## INTRODUCTION

God made each of us unique with a different set of skills, abilities and passions to use throughout our lifetime.

If you think your talents are simply for you to make a lot of money, retire and die, you've missed the point of your life. God gave you talents to benefit others, not yourself and God gave other people talents to benefit you in return.

Jesus told a story where the master gave three differing degrees of resources to his three servants. Two used those resources to attain a return for the master. One did not. The two who produced more were told, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" The one who simply hid his resources was met with these words, "You wicked, lazy servant!"

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Stuart confessed to being a fan of the Brady Bunch. What was your favorite TV show growing up? Why?
2. Tell the group about an accomplishment you achieved through disciplined, hard work and lots of practice (Example: College degree, made a sports team, lost weight, etc.).

## EVALUATE IT

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-3a. Why could Paul not talk to the Corinthian believers as he did other seasoned followers of Christ? What does this look like in Etown in 2017?
2. Stuart said, "True disciples don't just follow Jesus, they imitate Jesus...the thought is that imitating Jesus is basically avoiding the bad stuff." How do we imitate Christ? How is that more than merely avoiding the bad stuff?
3. Imitating Christ is more involved than waking up and declaring, "I am going to imitate Jesus today!" So, what must we do to get ourselves to a place where we can begin imitating Christ?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Stuart said, "Church became or maybe even has become the place where you hope people show up and become followers of Jesus. Making disciples wasn't the marching orders given to an institution. Those marching orders were given to disciples." What can you do to help the church transform from being attendance based to become discipleship centered?
2. What about this topic/Stuart's words challenged you the most? How can the group pray for you in that area?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures."

-2 Timothy 3:12-15a



Interested in joining or starting a Life Group?  
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