

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
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Foundational Practice: Giving Generously

Over the next month, we will focus on our foundational practice of giving generously. We are stewards of God's resources, which includes our time, gifts, and money. Generosity is a posture of the heart--we have been blessed to be a blessing to others! Spend a few minutes having 1-2 people share their responses to the following questions: How did you see God's generous heart in your life this past week? What encouragement did you receive through this?

1. *Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8.* What stands out to you in this passage and why?
2. Paul faithfully disciplined Timothy and set an example of faith for others to follow. Who in your life has disciplined you and set an example of faith for you? What did they teach you and/or model for you? How has this impacted your walk with the Lord?

“Paul wants Timothy and all the believers in Ephesus to know that God’s Word is too valuable—too important, too life-changing—to be kept to themselves.”

- MIKE CIRRICIONE

3. 2 Timothy 4:2 challenges us to “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” Being ready in season and out of season means when it’s “convenient” and when it’s “inconvenient.” When has it been “convenient” for you to preach the Word and when has it been “inconvenient” for you to preach the Word? How has God used those different seasons to grow you?
4. Mike concluded with three questions: 1) “What/who is driving your life?” 2) What are you passing down?” and 3) Who in your life are you investing in? As you reflect on these questions, what and who comes to mind?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

As you think about someone who has disciplined you, write down specific examples of how they have impacted your walk with the Lord. Reach out to this person via text or phone call this week, sharing how they have impacted your life and thanking them for their investment in you. Praise God for how He uses His Word, Spirit, and people to teach us, grow us, and sustain us!