

YOUTH Discipleship Guide

Message Title: "Dream Team"

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Main Thought:

Everyone plays different roles in a family. One person can be a father, a son, and brother all at the same time. The same is true with spiritual family. We all have different roles to play depending on which relationship we are focusing on. The Bible talks about the clear roles that we play in a spiritual family. We are like Timothy, being mentored and learning from others. We are also like Barnabas, working alongside other Christians and co-laboring with fellow believers. Lastly, we are like Paul, pouring into others, making disciples, and leading them into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Main Passages:

"Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?" (Hebrews 13:17 MSG)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Discussion Questions:

Higher:

- How can you grow in each of the roles we have as a spiritual family?
- How do you see each role (Paul, Barnabas, Timothy) impacting your walk with God?

Wider:

- Who is your Paul (leader or mentor)?
- Who is your Barnabas (someone you're walking alongside)?

Deeper:

- Who is your Timothy (someone you're pouring into or reaching out to)?