

A Beautiful Mess

Equip and Launch the Called (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Equipping and Launching the Called is a relational process, not an academic exercise; a lifelong pursuit, not a well-designed program.

Key Scriptures

After this he went out and saw a man named Levi at his work collecting taxes. Jesus said, "Come along with me." And he did—walked away from everything and went with him. Matthew 5:27-28 MSG

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:10-17 ESV

What does an equipping faith look like?

1. Prioritize
2. Dig in
3. Diversify
4. Lay a foundation

Start talking.

- Have you ever failed to launch into a season of life?
- Which part of our mission statement is your favorite? Why?

Start thinking.

- Do you agree that discipleship is a relational process, rather than an academic exercise? Why or why not?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:10-12. Of the traits listed, which one is most important when identifying the right people to be involved in your life?
- Why do you think Paul leaves the truth about Scripture's inspiration and profitability until the end? Is it the least important aspect of discipleship? Or is there another reason for its ending note?

Start sharing.

- Who's been the greatest mentor in your life? What's made them so meaningful for you?
- Have you ever mentored someone else? How did it go? What went well? What was hard about it?
- Why are we often reluctant to find deep relationships with people?

Start doing.

- Who is your Barnabas? Your Timothy? If you don't have one, what is a tangible step you can take this week to find one?
- Of the 4 points Pastor Ryan listed on Sunday, which one is the one you struggle with the most? What is something you can do this week to make forward progress?

Closing prayer.

Jesus, thank you for loving us enough to walk *with us*, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for calling us into good things, for your glory. Help us to dig in with each other as we prioritize deep relationships in the Harbor family. I pray that we would be launched into all you've called us to, as we build on our lives on the foundation of your Word and as we attempt to, as a local church, Make Jesus Tangible in all that we do.