

**Discovering Life Together**  
**Today's Talk: QUALIFY**  
**Acts 16:1-5, 2 Timothy 2:1-7**

***Three Qualifying Illustrations of what it means to Make A Difference...***

A SOLDIER

AN ATHLETE

A FARMER

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

***For Starters:*** Have you ever failed to read the fine print on a contract or document? If so, what happened? What, would you say, is the fine print of following Jesus?

***The Basics:*** To *qualify* can mean to prepare or equip someone for a task. Read Luke 14:25-33 with Matt. 16:24-25, Mark 10:38-39 and John 12:25. How do these verses prepare someone for actually following Jesus? Discuss the benefits and the costs of being a disciple of Christ.

***Quick Fire Round:***

1. Acts 15:36-41 and 16:1-5. Despite challenges, how and why did Paul continue to make a difference in Timothy's life, as Barnabas had mentored him? How could you begin or continue a *successor generation* in your life and/or family?
2. Read Matthew 28:19-20 and 2 Timothy 2:1-7. If the first principle of disciple-making is the Great Commission, how is 2 Timothy 2:1-2 the second principle? Why does Paul mention grace as a foundational to discipleship?
3. Paul gives three illustrations for qualifying another person as a multiplying disciple. What are they? Which one resonates with you and why?
4. Throughout 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Paul uses contrasts to highlight both the underlying qualifications and costs of disciple-making. Discuss the following in relation to *your life*: Focus VS distraction, pleasing God VS people pleasing, obedience VS disobedience, laboring VS laziness, initiative VS entitlement. What changes can you make?

***The challenge:*** Take a step this week to begin an active discipling relationship with someone else. Work through 2 Timothy 2:1-7 together and discuss the fine print of following Jesus. Count the cost personally. Read **1 Cor. 6:20** and **Acts 20:35**. How can you live in light of *being bought with a price* and by the principle, *it is better to give than receive*?