

Vision

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I. Introduction.

A. We are given the curriculum for how to make disciples.

B. Text: II Timothy 3.

II. Doctrine.

A. We must begin with truth—Jesus Christ is truth.

B. Our mission is to expose others to the Word of God.

C. One cannot believe wrong and live right.

III. Lifestyle.

A. Doctrine and lifestyle are inseparable.

B. We hear, see, study and handle the Word of Life to impact others. (I John 1:1)

IV. Purpose.

A. We need goals.

B. Goals need to be realistic and attainable.

V. Faith.

A. Faith is only as valuable as its object.

B. The issue is not how much faith but the object of one's faith.

C. Faith is best taught in a sinking ship.

VI. Longsuffering and patience. Patience and longsuffering give an accurate reflection of God's sovereignty.

VII. Love. Love is not for our glory.

VIII. Persecutions and suffering.

A. Without suffering, there is no power. (Philippians 3:10)

B. Someone else may need the comfort we can bring from having been through suffering.

Application questions:

1. Why is doctrine important?

2. What challenges do you face in becoming more vulnerable? How can you better face these challenges?

3. How have you been challenged by seeing other Christians respond well in suffering? What did you learn?
