

Growth Group Reflection Questions—May 9-15

1. Have you ever had a mentor, someone who made a significant investment in your life? Who was it and how did he or she help you?
2. From your experience, what *personal* qualities do effective mentors have?
3. What excuses keep normal Christians from coming alongside other people? Share your “mentoring misgivings” in your growth group.
4. Dave made the following powerful statement in his message: *“I’m a huge believer in creating a church where it is not only a safe place to fail, but a place where we encourage failing. By that I mean that we want you to ‘go for it’ with God, to take risks, to live with adventure and...to fail sometimes.”* Wow! How do you respond to this statement when applied it to the issue of mentoring and being mentored?
5. Read Exodus 18:13-24 out loud, which tells the story of Moses and his mentor. Then discuss verse 25 which gives an attitude that successful *mentees* have. (See also Numbers 12:3 for a trait that all mentees should cultivate.)
6. A crucial part of Moses’ development of his young protégé involved what practice?
[Unscramble: FAIOMRIFANT _____]. Take a minute to look up Deut. 31:7-8 to discover Moses’ mentoring tactic.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:2. Describe the “pay-it-forward” mentoring practice that Paul describes. What are the two distinct links of this mentoring chain?
7. What are the most important areas where boys and young men need to be mentored?
8. Look up the command that Paul has for mature women in Titus 2:3-5. First, what four characteristics should older Christian women have?

Follow up: In verses 4-5, what is God’s seven-course curriculum that older women are supposed to teach younger women in the university of life?

** Don’t forget to attend the first session of SCBC’s two-week “Basic Mentoring” class this Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the SCBC coffeehouse. You’ll get the info and inspiration you’ll need to start mentoring someone else.*

Everyone Needs A Mentor

I. Everyone Needs A Mentor.

A. Seven Things A Spiritual Mentor Does:

1. **Moses Invested** _____ **his life in Joshua.**

... you know we lived among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you were so dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

2. **Moses Shaped** _____ **Joshua spiritually.**

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

Exodus 24:13

3. **Moses Brought** _____ **Joshua with him on ministry matters.**

4. **Moses allowed Joshua to learn** _____ **and grow by doing ministry.**

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites."

Exodus 17:8-9

5. Moses gave Joshua **_responsibility with authority_**_____.

Moses sends Joshua and 11 other men to spy out the Promised Land. Here Joshua learned how to plan, to organize, to build a team, and to demonstrate courage for the Lord. (*Numbers 13:16*)

6. **_Moses affirmed_**_____ Joshua in private and in public.

7. **_Moses stepped_**_____ aside at the right time.

B. Excuses People Use As To Why They Can't Be A Spiritual Mentor.

1. I'm not one of those spiritual **_giants you just mentioned_**_____.

2. I'm really busy **_right now_**_____.

3. I don't know my **_Bible well enough yet_**_____.

II. The Long Term Impact of Spiritual Mentoring.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

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... teach the older women to reverent in the way they live, not to be slanders or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children.

Titus 2:3-4

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5