

30/31 June 2023 // 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Intro

i) Can you relate to the experience of being “passed the baton”? Take a few moments to allow anyone who feels confident to share their story of being passed the baton of faith.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Counting the cost:

1a) vs. 2 speaks of entrusting the Truth to “reliable people” who will also be “qualified to teach others”. What does a “reliable” or “qualified” person look and behave like? Or, put another way, who does this verse disqualify from being entrusted with the task of passing on the Truth? *(The next few verses describe this kind of person – those that are willing to accept the cost; willing to speak truth in love; those that aren’t governed by fear of others or those that look to cheat and change the gospel or those who are indifferent to the investment needed in it)*

1b) Josh unpacked three metaphors from this passage: the soldier; athlete; and the farmer. The soldier’s biggest challenge was that of fear; the athlete’s temptation was to change the rules / take shortcuts; and the farmer’s warning was against laziness/ indifference. Which of these three do you most identify with as you evaluate your

own hesitancy to pass on the baton?

(Encourage on another to be specific!)

People and Practices

2a) Josh invited us to think about different people and practices that help us to stay true to what we know God is asking of us in our lives of discipleship. What people surround you that “join with you” in your journey? As you look around are you able to name people who you invest in; who you are accountable to; who are your spiritual mentors/leaders? *(Maybe use this opportunity to discuss some ways that we can go about trusting a couple others to be prayer partners with us or asking someone to mentor us or looking to someone to be our mentor or spiritual director).*

2b) Josh mentioned the practices of word, worship, community and prayer on Sunday. What other practices do you engage in that put you in a place to be more attentive to God’s voice and presence as He forms your inner life? Maybe invite one another to explore one or two of these more over the summer or even as a group think about ways you could incorporate a couple of these practices into your times together. *(Some examples are practicing sabbath; fasting; prayer; reflection; generosity; hospitality; solitude; reading scripture; simplicity; prayer)*

Pray

- For the Spirit of Truth to guide our reflections and lead us on in confidence as we pass on the baton of our faith.
- For our leaders at HTC and across the Church of England
- For deepening community with one another.

Encourage one another to book in for the Friendship event coming up on 10th June:
<https://holytrinityclapham.churchsuite.com/events/mylp1pzf>)

Next week: Wednesday 7th June

All CGs and the church family are gathering (for dinner from 7pm) for the monthly prayer meeting. We will be hearing from our mission partner The Nehemiah Project about ways God is at work through their ministry. Do come along to worship and to thank and to pray to God, for all that He is at work at doing in Clapham and beyond.