

## **Chains of Disciples**

### **Lesson 1 — Student Guide**

**Prepare for class:** Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

#### **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this class is to introduce the course, yourself as the instructor, and the concept of “chains of disciples.”

#### **Think**

#### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

#### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

#### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

#### **Discussion**

13. Read 1 Timothy 1:15. What attitude does Paul express in this passage?
14. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What does this verse teach us about ourselves as disciples?
15. How will a belief in the Means of Grace (the gospel in Word and Sacrament) both comfort and spur on the Christian who wants to continue the chain disciples?
16. Based on 2 Timothy 2:2, describe in your own words the biblical model of Chains of Disciples.

17. Whom does the “chain of disciples” include? Are highly-trained pastors and missionaries the only people God wants to share the Gospel with others? How might it be beneficial for Christians who are not pastors to become disciples sharing God’s word?
18. How might a commitment to the idea of Chains of Disciples change the way a church leader spends his time and the way he speaks?

**Lesson wrap-up**

**How does the Holy Spirit continue to ensure the sharing of the Gospel for future generations? Are you part of that continued sharing?**