

# TRAINING LEADERS TO SERVE THE CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

1 Paul had led Timothy to Christ on his first missionary journey.

 Looking at 2 Timothy 2:1-7, can you describe the type of relationship these two had?

2 What pictures come into your mind when you think of ministers? Bookish Librarians? Crowd-working Politicians? Smooth-talking Salesmen? How does Paul describe what a pastor is like in verses 4, 5, and 6?

3 Describe the rules and rewards of ministry as described in verses 4-6. Can you think of other passages that describe these?

4 Describe the pains and pressures of ministry as implied in verses 4-6. Can you think of other passages of Scripture that describe these sufferings?

 What are good ways to strengthen people in the ministry?

 Why is a simple exhortation to “be strong” or to “buck up” insufficient?

5 Everyone needs encouragement, including ministers or those training for ministry.

 Which source provides you personally with the most encouragement: prayer, Bible reading, listening to sermons, meeting with other believers, gifts from friends, a note of thanks, worshiping through music, reading Christian books...?

 How can you encourage others, and in particular those who are training for ministry or who are in ministry?

