

## **DISCUSSION POINTS:**

Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” (New Living Translation)

Acts 9:26 “And when he [Saul-Paul] had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple, 27 but Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how he [Saul-Paul] had seen the Lord. (ESV)

I Timothy 1:1, 2 “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my true child in the faith. . .” (ESV)

### Summary:

Men investing in other Men for mutual growth of knowing who God is in Christ and what He desires each of us IS the heart of HUDDLE. “In our faith we follow in someone’s steps. A parent, a teacher, a hero . . . none of us is the first to walk the trail. All of us have someone we follow. In our faith we leave footprints to guide others. A child, a friend, a person new to faith. None should be left to walk the trail alone.” (Max Lucado) Saul, who became Paul, when he first met Christ, needed Barnabas because Timothy would later need Paul. Now we can learn from Timothy. In the long succession of those who follow after God we stand together for this fall season of the 7<sup>th</sup> year of Huddle as men committed to “sharpen one another” through a forged commitment to Christ and accountability to other men who are pursuing God.

### Questions:

Who is the “Barnabas” in your life who sharpened your early faith in God? How?

Who is the “Paul” in your life whom you look to for instruction and the patterns for a life of godliness? How do they sharpen you?

Who is your “Timothy,” who you are sharpening in his understanding of what God might have for him? How might you encourage him at the next level?

## **APPLICATION:**

2 Timothy 2:2

Get Max Lucado’s New Book: *Outlive your Life* and ask . . .

Am I sharpening anyone?

If someone is following my lead, are they going to end up in the right place?

## **NOTES:**