

## Saturday - March 22

*Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. Timothy 2:1-2 NLT*

One thing I truly love about our church is the variety of small groups available. From weekly groups that meet year-round, to small book and Bible studies, and fellowship groups centered around common interests, there really is something for everyone. Over the past 7 years, being involved in these groups has helped me understand what the Bible is trying to teach me. I've been able to have open discussions with peers, allowing me to explore God's word in different ways.

It all came full circle when I realized I had learned enough that it was time to share that understanding with others. This past fall, I began teaching a Disciple I class with Kim La Rue. Although I don't always have all the answers, the support from my Disciple IV group and from Kim, as we co-lead this class each week, has been invaluable. It has given me the confidence to pass on my interpretations and knowledge to others who are also seeking understanding.

The impact PUMC's ministry has had on my faith can only be described as a gift from God. The discussions I had in Pastor Larry's Bible study group during my early years, along with the lessons learned over the past four years with my Disciple cohort, have deeply shaped my faith and who I am today. I'm truly grateful for the ministry at PUMC.

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**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging the gift and responsibility of ministry. Thank You for the opportunity to serve and to be a part of Your work here on earth. We ask that You pour out Your blessings upon all who are involved in ministry—those who lead, teach, serve, and support. May their hearts be filled with Your love, wisdom, and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.