



## Week 6: Legacy...Your Highest Assignment

*...things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done... —Psalm 78:3-4 NIV*

### Big Idea

A legacy is something handed down, passed on to the next generation. It has to do with *mentoring*, the intentional shaping of another person to carry your values and vision after you are gone. Recognize the members of the next generation as important. They must feel they are not only being tolerated, but also being developed. Bring the men you mentor into whatever you are doing and give them a turn. Guide them through their mistakes and reinforce their victories with the valuable input they crave from someone further along in life. At the end of your life, you will scan the horizon around you and see people everywhere that you invested in. You will teach them what you have learned. You will change your nation because you have changed yourself.

### Discussion

- In our generation, men are thinking less and less about their legacy and more and more about themselves. Share why it is important to start thinking right now about the next generation that will succeed you.
- Paul had Timothy, his dear son in the faith. Tradition says that Timothy took over Paul's largest congregation, in Ephesus. Share who you are personally developing right now and what potential do you see in them.
- Discuss the list of men you identified last week. Share some of the ways that you are investing in them and how you will continue to develop them.

### Next Steps

Over the past six weeks, we have learned from each other and grown into the Model Men God has called us to be. Now it is our turn to find other men who we can teach character, consistency and connection. The best way to invest in the lives of other men is through a small group. Reach out to the list of men you identified last week then invite them, as well as others within your sphere of influence, to attend your Model Man small group next semester. To register your small group, please visit [www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups](http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups)

### Closing Thoughts

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the ability to pour into others. Your legacy is the greatest gift you can leave this world. As you begin to focus on leaving a legacy, think about the "one" that God cares so much about. By raising up even just one model man, you have the ability to influence the Kingdom for generations to come.