

June 4, 2017
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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2 Timothy

**75th Anniversary Celebration: Looking Forward
“A Legacy of Faithfulness”**

I. Think _____ (Think3) – 2 Tim. 1:5, 13; 2:1-2; 3:14-15 (cf. Ex. 3:15; Acts 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:13-14; Prov. 13:22; Judges 2:7-10)

II. Think _____ – 2 Tim. 1:6-14; 2:8-10, 24-26; 4:1-5

III. Think _____ (Ethnically) – Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:15-18; 4:9ff (cf. Ps. 67)

IV. Think _____ – 2 Tim. 2:3-13 (cf. 2 Cor. 8-9)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. What is a “legacy”? What legacy did the early members of the First Baptist Church of Reseda leave for us? What benefits do we now experience because of their commitment to the Lord and to future generations?
2. In the context of the local church, what does it mean to think generationally? Why do so many people have trouble thinking beyond themselves? What examples do we have in the Bible of people sacrificing in the present for the sake of the future of their children and grandchildren?
3. What does it mean to “Think 3”? What might that look like for a senior citizen? A middle-aged person? A youth or college age person? What specific ways can you personally apply that way of thinking right now at The Bridge?
4. What does it mean to think evangelistically? How prepared are you to share the gospel? How many people have you shared your testimony and/or the gospel with in the past 6 months? What would need to change in your thinking to be more evangelistic? What resources should you carry with you to take advantage of evangelistic opportunities? List five people you will commit to sharing your testimony and/or the gospel with and invite to church in the next month.
5. What does it mean to think globally? What did Jesus command us to do in Mt. 28:18-20? Have we reached every ethnic group in the world with the gospel? If not, why not? How many ethnic groups has the Lord brought to Southern California? What can we do to reach more ethnic groups here in the San Fernando Valley? What sacrifices might we have to make to provide space for more ethnic churches to meet on our property?
6. What does it mean to think sacrificially? What does Paul use soldiers, athletes, and farmers as examples? What keeps so many Christians from living that way? What sacrifices are you making so The Bridge can carry out its mandate to make disciples of all the nations?
7. God has blessed us at The Bridge with a history of faithful people who thought and lived *generationally, evangelistically, globally, and sacrificially*. Now it’s our turn to pass on a legacy of faithfulness to future generations. It is my desire that we take what we have been given, improve it, and hand it off to future generations that will have even greater resources to impact their world for Jesus Christ. Will you give sacrificially of your time, talents, and treasures so we can do that? Paul did that for Timothy. Timothy did that for others. Those others eventually got to us. Now it’s our turn. Let’s leave another legacy of faithfulness for the benefit of future generations and the glory of our Great God and King!

[Answers to blanks: **Generationally; Evangelistically; Globally; Sacrificially**]