



BORN TO REPRODUCE

Dawson Trotman began teaching high school students and local Sunday school classes these principles. In 1933, he and his friends extended their work to sailors in the U.S. Navy. There, Dawson taught sailor Les Spencer the foundations of Christian growth. They spent many hours together praying, studying the Bible, and memorizing Scripture. When one of Spencer's shipmates asked him the secret of his changed life, Spencer brought the man to Trotman: "Teach him what you taught me," he said. "You teach him!" Trotman responded. And the 2 Timothy 2:2 vision was strengthened.

Spencer did teach the sailor, and soon the two men were meeting with others. Eventually, 125 men on their ship, the U.S.S. West Virginia, were growing in Christ and actively sharing their faith. By the end of World War II, thousands of men on ships and bases around the world were learning the principles of spiritual multiplication by the person-to-person teaching of God's word.

Spend time either listening to or reading Trotman's 1955 talk Born to Reproduce and discussing the questions below:



Questions for Discussion

1. What stood out to you the most from this message?
2. What does the word "reproducer" mean to you?
3. What would help you the most right now in becoming a "reproducer?" Are there any changes you would make in your life or ministry?
4. What will you be asking God for this year?