



FACING INCREDIBLE ODDS

WHO ARE YOU WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH?

Next Week's Life Group: Student Takeover Weekend

Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by,* and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

The Purpose of Life Groups

Life Groups are where we connect and grow with God and with others through relationships; growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus. Life Groups are loving, safe and interactive; a place where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others to inspire a culture of discipleship as we do life together. *Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

JUNE 2-3, WEEK 2

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Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Getting Started: What was the most trouble you got into when you were a kid?

Context: The books of 1st and 2nd Timothy are considered the “Pastoral Epistles”. These letters were written between 62-63 AD for Timothy, Paul’s apostolic apprentice and spiritual son, and the early church leaders to help bring order and ordain elders/pastors for the churches that were planted. Timothy’s name means “honored by God”. He was originally from the city of Lystra, the place where Paul was stoned and dragged out of the city, thought to be dead (Acts 14), until the disciples gathered around him and he rose again to continue preaching. There may be a chance that Timothy witnessed this miracle and was converted by what he saw. Paul recruited Timothy and raised him up to carry the gospel to the nations. He began to travel with Paul in his missionary journeys and was eventually trusted with great responsibilities to teach and instruct the church. He was likely in his thirties when Paul wrote these letters to him. The words of this letter were from a father to a son . . . encouraging, challenging, and instructing Timothy to remain focused and faithful to the truth of the gospel, and to avoid the corruption of false teachers. In many ways, Timothy was an extension of Paul’s ministry, caring for, and establishing churches that Paul planted as he travelled to other churches to bring them to maturity in Christ. Paul instructs Timothy on how to structure the church and encourages him to hold up a high standard for those who lead. In that spirit, he speaks value and identity into Timothy in Chapter 4 of the first letter, reaffirming that youth does not hold one back from setting the example of Christ-likeness.



Story/Passage: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Marks of a Godly Ministry

Head Level

These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.



- What are some of the things Paul mentioned for Timothy to watch out for?
- What stands out to you as Paul’s most emphasized point he’s trying to make for Timothy in this passage?

Heart Level

These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.



- Does age determine spiritual maturity? If not, then what does?
- What do you think the most important quality for a young leader in the church is to possess?

Hands Level

These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.



- Who’s a young passionate person God has placed in your life to encourage and speak life and value into? What’s a way you can intentionally encourage that person this week?
- How can we, as a church and individually, emphasize raising up the next generation to carry the gospel?