

Life Group Homework

For the week of May 28, 2017

MY STORY

- 1) What was your takeaway from last week's study?
- 2) Did you reach out to a close friend this week? If you didn't, what is stopping you from developing a new friendship?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

- 4) What does it mean to be wise?
- 5) Why would walking with the wise make a person wise?
- 6) What type of relationship does Proverbs 13:20 describe?
- 7) What happens when we associate with fools?

2 Timothy 3:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance.

¹¹ You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it.

- 8) What type of things did Paul model for Timothy?
- 9) Who do you go to when you are looking for a model of character and why?
- 10) Who do you mentor?
- 11) Many times people feel unqualified to mentor someone. What were some of the things Paul shared with Timothy?

TAKING IT HOME

1 Timothy 1:18-19 (NLT)

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles. ¹⁹ Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

- 12) What type of advice is Paul giving to Timothy?

Encouragement means to add courage to or to strengthen. We live in a world today when people intentionally seek out clever ways to tear someone down. It is considered sarcasm. To encourage someone requires a choice and looking for the things in a person's life worthy of encouragement.

- 13) What does it feel like to truly be encouraged?
- 14) Two Sunday's ago, Pastor Craig spoke about a low-grade discouragement common in people's lives. How is encouragement a healthy response to that?
- 15) What would our church be like if everyone looked for opportunities to encourage someone?
- 16) When was the last time you sought out someone for the sole purpose of encouraging them?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

Reread 1st and 2nd Timothy and answer the following questions.

- 17) Who mentors you?
- 18) Who do you share your life with?
- 19) Are you far enough along in your walk with Christ that you should be mentoring someone? Who can you schedule coffee with to encourage them?

Week 5

Pastor Craig Sweeney

Simple decisions that WILL change the direction of your life:

1. I will START...
2. I will STOP...
3. I will STAY...
4. I will GO...

ONE MAIN THOUGHT: The Long and the Short of it is...I need CONNECTION.

"Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer but his father was a Greek. ² Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, ³ so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey." (Acts 16:1-2)

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble." (Pr 13:20)

5. I will CONNECT...
 - To GOD
 - To friendship for FRIENDSHIP'S sake.
 - With VULNERABILITY

*"This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—**and I am the worst of them all!**" ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God." (1 Tim. 1:15-17)*

- To people of CHARACTER

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- To people of FAITH and ACTION

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Change your thinking:

Change your doing: