

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



To discuss what it looks like to be proactive in living out the purposes that God has for you, and the potential downsides of not doing so.

ICE BREAKER



If there were no barriers to your success, what would you aspire to in your career or what career would you aspire to?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

1 Timothy 4:12

¹²Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: God is calling you to lead by example right now.

Key Question: How can I live out my purpose right now?

1. Set an example in speech.
2. Set an example in conduct.
3. Set an example in love.
4. Set an example in faith.
5. Set an example in purity.

DISCUSSION



- In 1 Timothy 4:12, we see the apostle Paul encouraging Timothy, his protégé, towards steadfast leadership of the church in Ephesus despite his young age and the social, cultural, political, and spiritual threats against him. Considering your current life stage, what/where do you feel God calling you to? What barriers and difficulties do you perceive in following that call?
- Read Ephesians 4:17-32. What does it look like for us to set an example in our speech, conduct, and purity? How might this be countercultural in our world today? How might Christianity be perceived if we don't hold ourselves to these standards?
- Paul implores Timothy to set an example in love. Read 1 John 3:16. Our ultimate example of love is the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ. How can we live out the love of Jesus Christ to others in our lives? What does self-sacrificing love look like practically?
- Paul also encourages Timothy to set an example in faith. Faith is more than just a belief in God, it is a deep trust in Him through every circumstance of life. What would it look like to practice your faith in God amidst your current circumstances? How does your faith proclaim Christ to others?
- God has positioned you, exactly where you are in your life right now, to carry out and fulfill the purposes he has for you. He is calling you to lead out in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. What are some next steps you can take right now towards leading well in each of these areas?

LIFE APPLICATION



No matter what stage of life we are in, God calls us to be an example to those around us! Discuss with your group ways you can serve locally at your campus or externally in your community to set an example to others.

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


