

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR 1 & 2 TIMOTHY

### WARM UP

Who has been a mentor in your life? How did they encourage your growth?

What stood out most from the sermon?

### EXPLORATION

1. The apostle Paul writes to Timothy in Ephesus, where he stayed at Paul's request, to care for the church. Read 1 Timothy 1:2-3 and 2 Timothy 1:2-7. What do we learn about Timothy and his relationship with Paul?
2. All who choose to surrender to Jesus by faith are called to serve Him, however there are specific qualifications for church leaders. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. What qualification jumps out? Why does God hold church leaders to these standards?
3. Both 1 and 2 Timothy warn that there will be terrible times ahead (2 Tim 3:1-5) and even some will "abandon the faith" (1Tim 4:1). It seems like Paul is describing the culture of today. Read the following verses and discuss how God wants us to respond: 1 Tim 4:6-9, 1 Tim 6:11, 2 Tim 2:1-3 & 10-14, 2 Tim 3:14-15 & 4:2.
4. I love the practical instructions Paul gives Timothy to interact with fellow Christ followers as though they are close family members. 1 Tim 5:1-2 says, "Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity." With that in mind, read 2 Tim 4:1-5 and discuss how this plays out for you.

## APPLICATION

There are so many practical instructions on how to live a God-honoring life in Paul's letters to Timothy. 1 Tim 2:1-6 urges the church to make "requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings" for everyone and specifically for kings and those in authority. Whether we agree with their politics or not, let's pray together for the leaders of our city, state, country and world.