

The Legacy of Motherhood

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Personal Connection (25 minutes)

Icebreaker

Who did you look up to as a child? What made you so fond of that person or those people?

Sharing Christ and Praying for Each Other

Has the Lord been consistently bringing something to your attention lately? Allow your LIFE Group to pray for your personal matters.

Review Last Sunday's *What Now?*

Please pray that the Lord would give you wisdom to model him in every aspect of your life. His example is the only one we should be emulating. Please also pray that we would embody his forgiveness and patience not only for others who frustrate and hurt us, but for ourselves as we strive to mature in Christlikeness.

Digging Deeper (30 minutes)

This Week's Key Concept:

When fully devoted followers of Christ invest in children, it allows them the opportunity to hear the Gospel and witness lives fully devoted to Christ.

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Q1. Why was Lois's and Eunice's faith-filled foundation for Timothy a crucial part of his mentoring from the Apostle Paul? Or, how did their godly wisdom impact Timothy as a grown man?

Q2. Share something valuable you have learned from your mother or a mother-like figure. What was it about her advice or presence in your life that made her insight so valuable? Did she teach you about God?

Q3. When you think of your spiritual gifts and talents, did your mother or a mother-like figure nurture, encourage, and help you mature in the use of those gifts? Did God use your mother to help you develop your spiritual gifts?

Q4. Share about a time in your life when a task was given to you to accomplish and you wished you were better equipped in some way, only to discover the Lord HAD fully equipped you, already.

Q5. In verse 6, the Apostle Paul mentions in his letter to Timothy that he “laid hands on him.” What is the spiritual significance or importance of “laying hands” on someone?

Q6. Can you relate with Timothy? Share the benefits of having a “Paul-like” mentor in your life and why their encouragement is so crucial to your spiritual growth.

Impact Questions

Q1. Who in your life right now could you pour yourself into as an example of godly love and guidance? Who is your Timothy?

Q2. How does your life, lived in Christ, impact those around you? How does it impact unbelievers?

Q3. How would following Paul and Timothy’s examples of Christ-centered perseverance help you through some current struggles?

What now? (15 minutes)

Pray for the Lord’s strength and endurance in all matters that test your faith. Pray with thankfulness for your mother and other mother-like figures in your life who have been instrumental in your growth, ability to love and have compassion, and growth in wisdom and spiritual maturity. Though, should your experience with your mother be one of pain, please pray for the Lord’s healing of past wounds, and for forgiveness. Please pray for the children and the youth you encounter at Northwest, within your community, and those you encounter on a daily basis. God desires to use us as part of his plan, to help mold the next generation into Christlikeness. How does that look in your life? Pray that the Lord would reveal how he desires to use you.

Closing Prayer (15 minutes)

Please pray for the planning of Vacation Bible School and that the Lord would provide plenty of volunteers to serve in this ministry. Please pray that VBS would bring in not only lots of children, but inspire their parents to come to Northwest and hear the Gospel. Please continue to lift up marriage, parenting, singleness, and the work we do inside and outside of our homes; that no matter the role we play or the work we do, that the Lord would continue to refine us in his image, and that we would glorify him in all that we do.

Sermon Notes: