

DEAR TIMOTHY,

FAITH FOR A NEXT GENERATION



Can You Handle The Truth?

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Message Notes

Receive Good Teaching > Follow It And Be Nourished > Explain It To Others

Non-essential conversations cannot become central focus.

Choosing to be a disciple is choosing good pain.

Be an example of Jesus to the world in how you handle the Truth - Being a disciple and making disciples.

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4:6-13; Luke 14:25-27; 1 Timothy 1:4, 1:6, 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:14, 2:16, 2:23-24.

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

1. What is one thing you've learned in the past year that you love getting to share with other people?
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:6-13. What does Paul tell Timothy to do? Not to do? What words are challenging? Encouraging? What is Paul passing on to Timothy?
3. Why do you think Paul repeated himself so many times about not having meaningless conversations or arguments? If you were Paul, what would you say qualifies as a meaningless conversation for discipleships?
4. What aspects of being a disciple of Jesus have been "painful" for you? What has that pain taught you? If you've disciplined someone, what aspects of disciplining someone else has been "painful" for you? What has that pain taught you?
5. What are 2 things you appreciate about the faith of the generation(s) before you? What are 2 things you appreciate about the faith of the generation(s) after you?

APPLY

"Handling the Truth" as a disciple means 1.) receiving good teaching, 2.) following it and being nourished by it, and 3.) explaining it to others. Which of these three is most lacking in your discipleship?

- If receiving good teaching is lacking: this week, find 1 person whose faith you admire, write down 3 questions you want to ask and learn from them, then ask them for 30 minutes of their time to ask your questions. (Ps: HONOR THEIR TIME)
- If following good teaching and being nourished by it is lacking: this week, read 1 Timothy 4:6-13 as though it were written directly to you, then do at least one thing from this passage.
- If explaining good teaching to others is lacking: go to redeemermn.org/serve and sign up to serve on a team. Build relationships with people on that team and with the people you get to serve. Through those relationships, begin to pass on the good teaching you have received.

PRAY