



OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **1 Timothy 4:11-12**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- Why are examples important?

REVIEW

- How can pastor Timothy be a servant to his church AND one who gives commands?
- Why do older people at times look down on young people who aspire to leadership?
- Why do you think, throughout scripture, God loves to use young people?
- How can Timothy impact what other people think about him?

APPLICATION

- Do you like to be commanded? Why or why not. Discuss.
- What Christian examples have impacted you?
- How can we help young people grow in wisdom and maturity?
- Are you an example in speech? Discuss.
- How does your faith express itself in unwanted circumstances?
- What are some ways you can grow in being an example in love? Who is hard to love? How does the gospel equip you to love them?
- What specifically can you do to ensure you are an example in purity?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs

INTRODUCTION

As Timothy leads his church he is to teach and command. But doing so for him will be hard because of his young age. Therefore, in addition to teaching, he is to be an example to the believers.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.