

Life Group Host Notes:

Each week during the 5 week message series, Made for More, Life groups will participate in a SOAP Bible study focusing on weekly Scripture, observations, applications and prayer. Below is a guide on how you can lead your group through this study.



SCRIPTURE:

Read out loud the assigned passage(s) of Scripture at least two times. One person reads, and then the next person, until the passage is completed. Or, have volunteers read the passages.



OBSERVATION:

Observe the text in silence. Write down your insights in a notebook. Look for repetitive words or phrases. What questions does the text raise? Ask yourself: "Who is the audience?" "What is the context?" "What do you think God is saying to you?" Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and to reveal truth. Make as many observations as you possibly can about the passage and write them down.



APPLICATION:

Next, discuss the observations each of you made and how to apply the teaching of the passage to your everyday lives. I know what you're thinking: "Really? It's that easy?" Yes, it is. No Bible scholars here, folks; just some good, honest, "Here's what I see."



PRAYER:

Close with prayer. Pray that you would apply what you learned, and that God would use your lives to share the amazing hope of the Gospel – or something like that. Amen!

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Read Aloud:

First and Second Timothy are Paul's letters that he writes to his mentee, his student and apprentice Timothy; who is wrestling with living (leaning) fully into who God created Him to be. This life group series is intended to call out the best and to help the timid timothy's within us all discover that we were made for more.



1 Timothy 1:1-20 (NIV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Timothy Charged to Oppose False Teachers

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer 4 or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. 5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. 8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. 9 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine 11 that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

The Lord's Grace to Paul

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Charge to Timothy Renewed

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.



Observations

1. What is the purpose of Timothy staying in Ephesus?
2. Why do you think Paul says the law was not for the righteous?
3. Why was Paul so concerned with false doctrines?
4. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

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Application

1. It's amazingly common for people to feel that there is something inherently wrong with them. How can this feeling keep people from realizing how God has uniquely gifted them?
2. What qualities are found in a disciple?
3. What makes it possible to be in a crowd of people and still feel like you are all alone? How can God use those things to further His Kingdom?
4. What are some characteristics that you would expect to find in a spiritual leader?
5. What stops people from engaging in a mentor/mentee type of relationship?
6. What are some personal gains that can come from having a mentor?
7. God takes the unlikeliest people and makes them difference-makers. How has God designed you to make a difference?
8. Share with the group one takeaway from this weekend's message or group discussion that you want to apply to your life this week.

Going Deeper **Read 2 Timothy 1:3-7**

1. Is there an area of your life where you are experiencing fear? What is that like?
2. Where do you experience God's power in your life?
3. How does self-control look different for the believer than someone who does not follow Jesus?



Prayer
