

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

2 TIMOTHY STUDY CHAPTER 1

LIFE GROUP LESSON 1

I. Introduction

Key points about the purpose of this study

We want to:

1. Encourage individual members of our church and life groups in developing personal Bible study skills. We encourage you to sign up for the *21 Days in the Word Challenge*. The challenge is to study the Bible for 21 days using Bible study tools that we will provide.
2. Write down and bring your observations from your personal study to the Bible study.
3. Learn from the example in the video of how to think about a passage and make observations and applications of the Bible for yourself. Take notes as you watch the video.
4. The ultimate goal is that 2 Timothy won't just give you principles for your head but it will become a permanent script for your life.

II. Timothy Chapter 1: Encouragement from a Spiritual Father/How to stir-up your gift and step-up to the challenge of being a world changer. *Notes from the video...*

III. Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever been asked to take over a responsibility that you didn't feel qualified or confident to handle? If you put yourself in Timothy's shoes, how would you feel about stepping into Paul's big shoes of ministry? Did you have a "Paul" to encourage you? How did you "stir-up the gift" and confidence to do it?
2. Can you identify 2 or 3 of the top spiritual gifts you believe God has entrusted you with? (See I Corinthians 12:1-9, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-12). In the sermon Dale shared that the important thing is not having gifts but activating those gifts. Can you share how your gifts have been activated or repressed?
3. Paul knew that his gifts were preaching, teaching, and being an apostle. As he used his gifts, he discovered his "race" or "destiny." Have you seen God make clear what your destiny or calling is as you have been faithful to activate your gifts?
4. What has been something that could've been a lid to using your spiritual gifts?
 - a. Guilt/regret
 - b. Lies about not being qualified or good enough
 - c. Failure and fear of criticism
 - d. Lack of knowledge
 - e. Negativity from people
 - f. Lack of a role model/mentor
5. What principle for effectively activating your spiritual gift most stands out to you?
 - a. Being aware of what your gifts are
 - b. Expressing your hunger to receive and be used more for God
 - c. Knowing and declaring what God says about your identity and ability in Christ
 - d. Taking bolder actions and more risks to use your gifts
 - e. Using the self-discipline it takes to develop your gifts and become your best for God
6. Ministry time. Take time to pray over each other and affirm (prophecy about) the spiritual gifts and "anointings" you see in each other.