

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

“LIVING A LIFE THAT OUTLIVES YOU” 2 TIMOTHY STUDY CHAPTER 4 LIFE GROUP LESSON 4

Introduction

The main focus of this lesson is to grow our understanding and commitment to be and make disciples for Jesus, by passing on to others the word, life, and example that we received from those who taught us.

2 Timothy 2:2 is a key background verse:

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

1. In the first part of 2 Timothy 3, we see what we’re up against and why it is so important to develop a victorious mindset. Paul talks about how in the last days values will disintegrate and there will be less middle ground and more pressure than ever to compromise. What is an example of some areas in our society where there’s pressure to lower our standards and where it is especially important to take a stand to raise our standards, through a victorious mindset?

2. Dale talked about the importance of mindsets and gave the example of the mindsets of the children of Israel. The giants that were a lid for most of Israel were actually a “lift” for Caleb. He was inspired to dream even higher because of opposition. How does a victorious mindset help us see and respond to obstacles differently? What is an obstacle, difficulty, or attack on your life that God might be telling you that He wants to give you a different mindset?

3. One of the key mindsets of victory is a mindset of favor, thinking like a son/daughter and not a slave. How would really believing that you are one of God’s favorites, help you to win in battles and expect to receive more and be used more by God? How does the enemy try to pull you back to a victim mindset by bringing up the past or negative feelings you have? How does Paul’s testimony of God intervening in battle after battle in his life and other heroes’ lives encourage you?

4. We learn that changing mindsets comes from believing, speaking, and acting on the beliefs God gives us from Scripture. This is called renewing our minds by thinking new thoughts and making them our own. Which of the following mindsets do you think God wants to especially work on in your life? How would you replace the lies listed below with declarations and actions of truth?

a. I believe God wants to help me especially go from a mindset of doubt to faith, victim to victor, inferiority to self-esteem, critical and negative to positive and affirming, hopeless to hopeful, weak and tired to strong and bold, worrier to worshiper, other.

b. Examples of lies to replace.

- Because I'm old, I can't really change.
- Because I've failed so much in the past at _____, I will never be any good at that.
- Because I'm not what the world would consider good looking, gorgeous, or handsome, I will not be well liked and successful.
- Because my family growing up had these issues, my kids will struggle in the same ways.
- Because I was hurt, betrayed, and mistreated, I will never rise up and be able to trust people completely again.
- Because I haven't graduated from college or received high grades, I won't be successful.
- Because I don't feel the Holy Spirit or anointing, God won't use me supernaturally and I'm not filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Because I don't have the gift of leadership, I don't have great influence with people.
- Other.