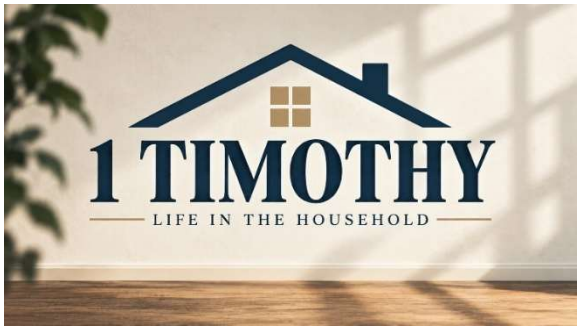


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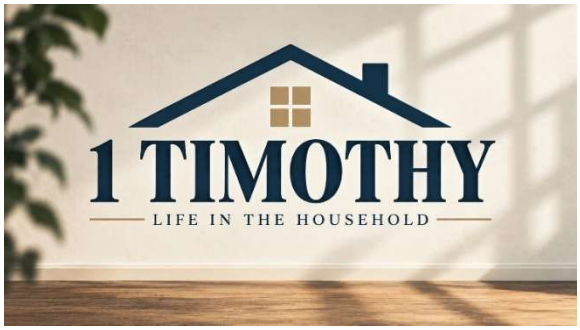
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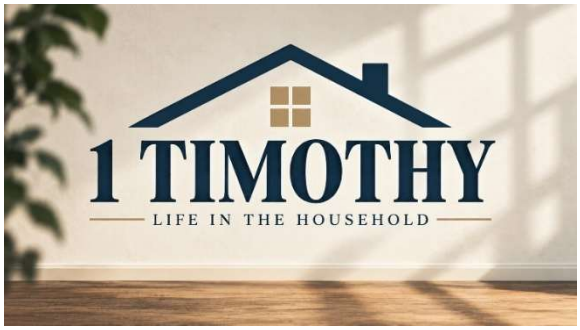
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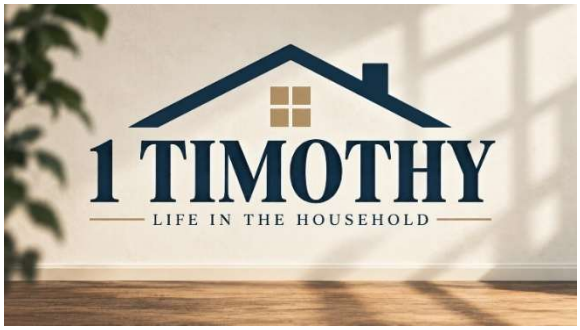
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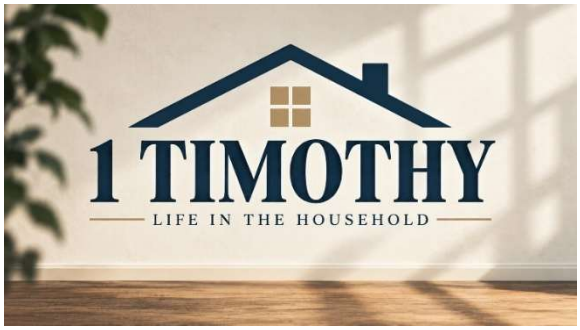
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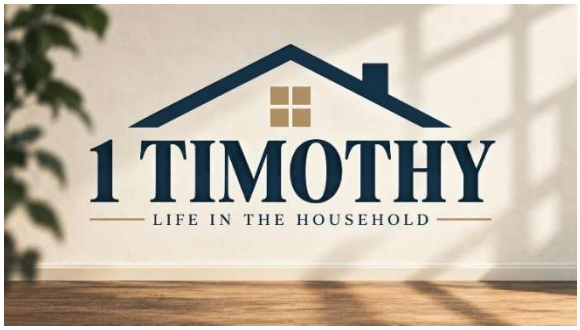
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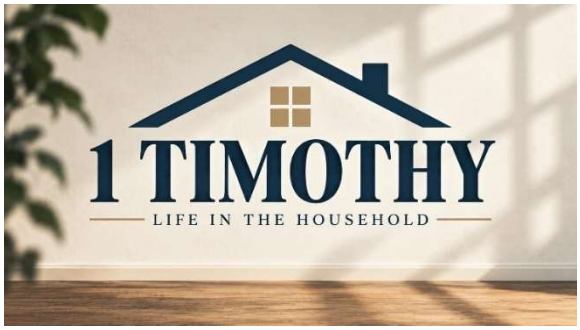
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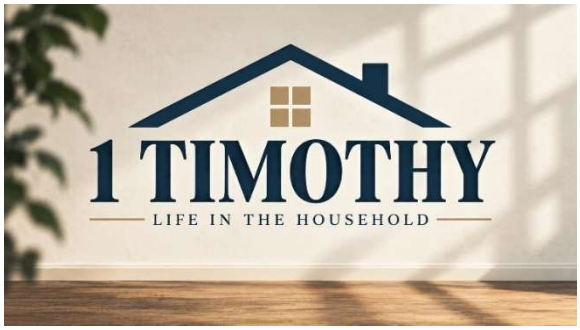
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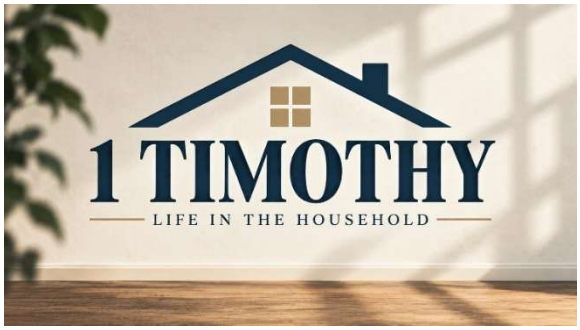
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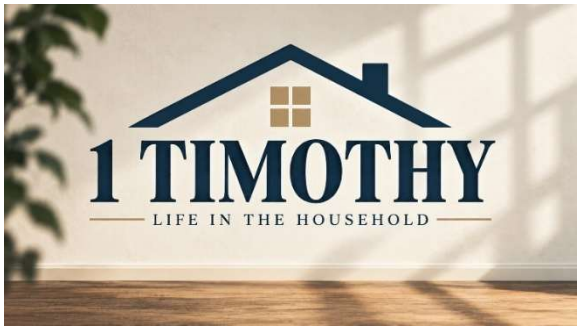
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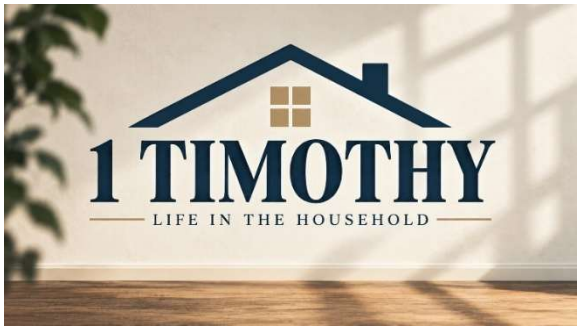
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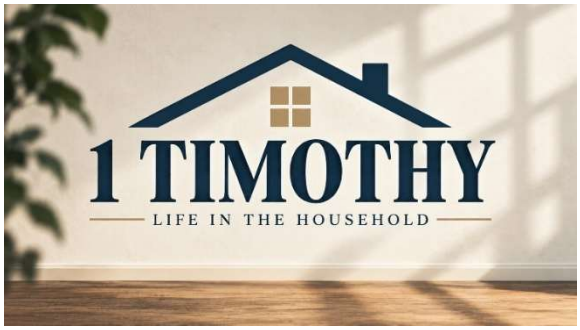
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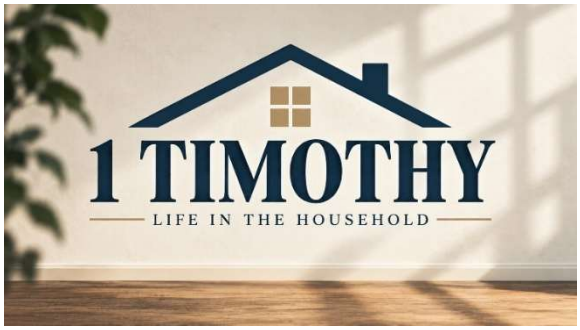
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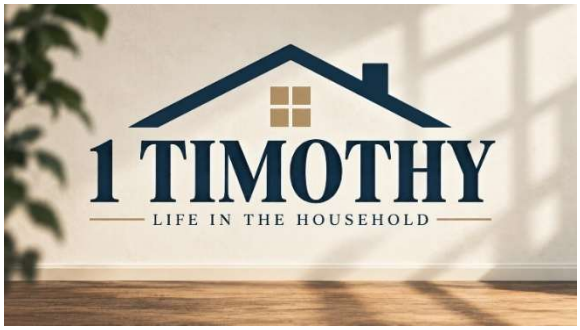
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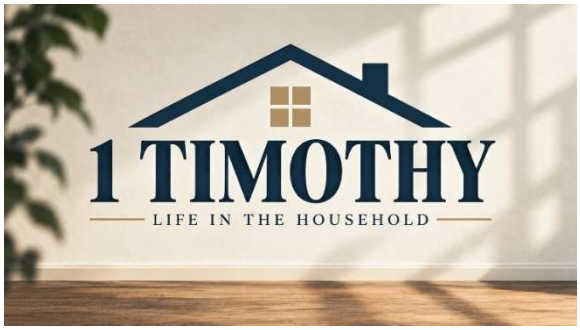
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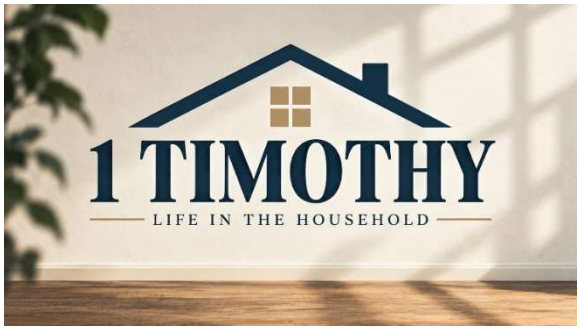
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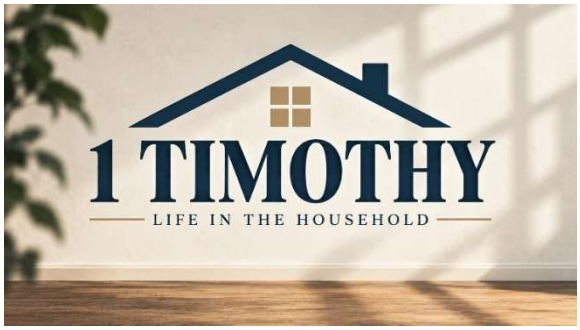
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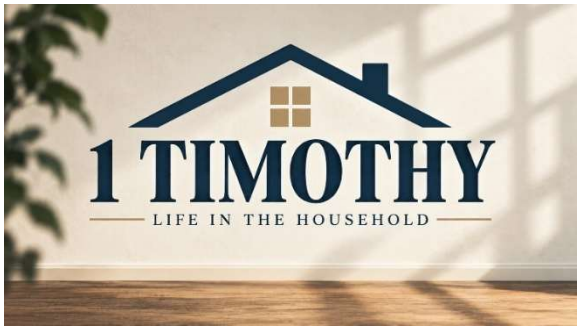
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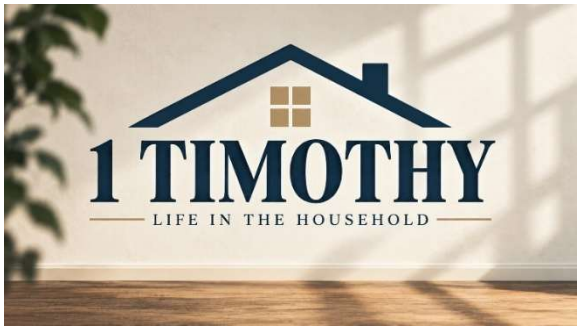
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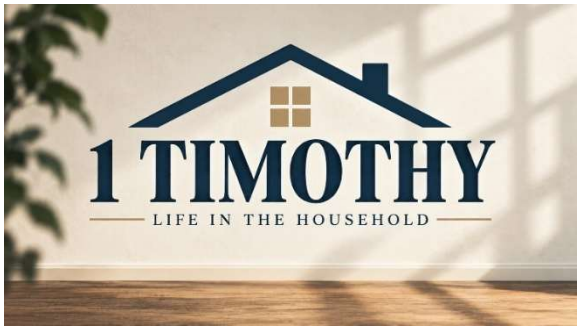
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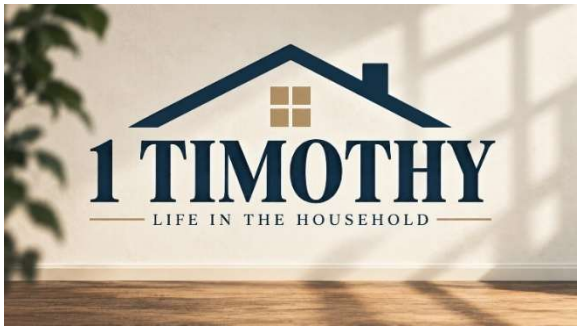
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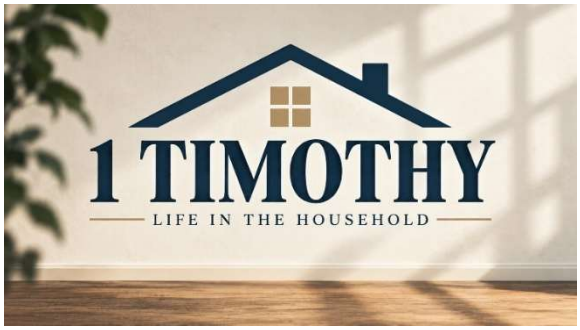
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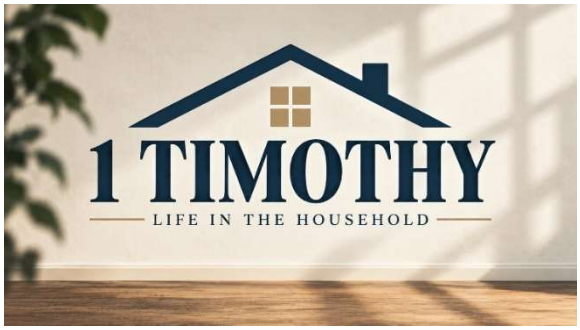
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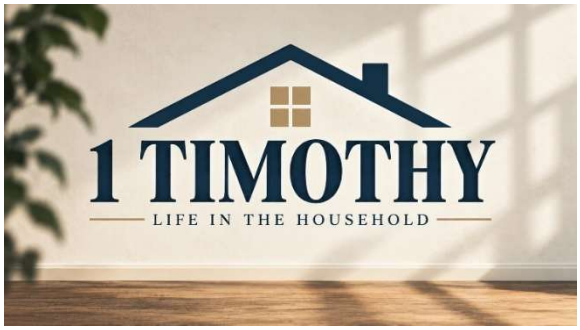
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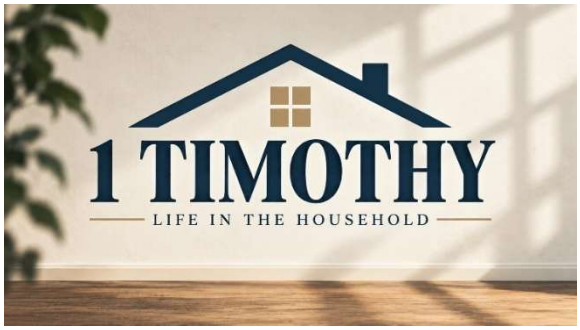
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Groups Discussion Guide

The Foundation of the Household (1 Timothy 1:12-20)

Ice-Breaker: What is your favorite non-biblical story of all time? Why? Why are stories so meaningful to us?

Transition: As humans we love a good story and one of the greatest stories you can tell is the story of how Jesus changed your life. The purpose of this lesson will be to help you think through YOUR gospel story and teach you how to share it with others.

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17 – What elements of Paul's story does he share in this passage? How does he clearly articulate the gospel through this?

A good gospel story has 3 core elements

1. **Share who you were before Christ:** What are some elements of your life in sin that you could share as part of your story? Even if you got saved early on, you can share sin struggles before you took your walk with Christ more seriously.
2. **Share how Christ saved you:** What events lead up to the time of your salvation? How can you share this, while clearly articulating the core tenets of the gospel (see 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and Mark 1:15, **IMPORTANT!!!**)?
3. **Share how Christ changed your life:** What blessings have you experienced since coming to Christ? Think biblically.

Now take some time and write out your gospel story. Try to keep it **BRIEF** (4-7 sentences). You can always expand **IF YOU HAVE THE PERSONS TIME AND ATTENTION. (Give the class 5-10 minutes to write out their stories)**

Have a few people in the group share their story with the rest of the group.

What is a good transition question you could ask someone after sharing your story to see if they are ready to put their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior? How might you respond depending on their answer?

Who are 1-3 non-Christian people that you can share your story with? Will you step out in faith THIS WEEK and share it with someone?

Closing Prayer: Close in prayer asking God to give your group the strength and boldness to share their stories with others.

Group Prayer Guide – Cornerstone Community Church Prayer List (20-25 minutes)

1. Pray that we would fulfill our mission "to make disciples who KNOW Christ, GROW in community, and GO on mission."
2. Pray that we would see people saved, baptized, and added to the Church through membership.
3. Pray that disciples would grow in their faith and be fruitful in making new disciples.
4. Pray that God would give us wisdom and spiritual discernment for the future.
5. Pray for strength, comfort, and healing for the sick and hurting.
6. Pray that we would walk in Holiness.
7. Pray for our Church's Pastor and Elders
8. Pray that God would provide elders and deacons for our Church
9. Pray that we would be a fruitful Church that PRODUCES new disciples and new Churches in Chicagoland and around the world.
10. Pray that God would make us generous in giving of our time, treasure, and talents, as He has been so generous to us through the gospel and that we would continue to meet our budgetary needs throughout the year.
11. Pray for our missionaries serving Christ around the world.
12. Pray for lost family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. by name
13. Pray that our members would spend time weekly engaging their community for the gospel.
14. Pray that God would send our Church "softballs" – people who are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.
15. Pray that our Church would grow in love, have the correct priorities and live fruitful lives (Php. 1:9-11)

Groups Prayer Requests

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