

Standalone Sermon

LIFE GROUP NOTES



2 TIMOTHY 1:5; 3:14-15 – MOTHER'S DAY

GETTING STARTED...

One of the Ten Commandments is to “Honour your father and mother...” It was so important to the heart of God that he put it as one of the most central tenants for the people of Israel to follow. This should tell us something about the place that both mothers and fathers have before God, and on a day like this it seems appropriate to honour our mothers. Motherhood is a high calling and one that is more and more looked down upon. Yet mothers not only have the incredible calling of raising children, teaching them and giving them a foundation for the rest of their life, they also have the privilege of showing the gospel to them. When Paul writes to his disciple Timothy, he reminds him of the faith of his mother and grandmother because they had set him such a good example to follow. Let us honour our mothers!

READ THE TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:5; 3:14-15

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Look at the full context of 2 Timothy 3:10-17, what is the main point that Paul is making? How does Paul's encouragement to remember his mother and grandmother's faith help make his point?
2. What did Timothy's mother and grandmother do that Paul was commending him to remember and follow?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. How do we put this into practice?

- Agassiz & Lake Errock* Why are mothers to be honored? What are some characteristics of sincere faith, and how can mothers model these things for their children? Is there generational sin in your family that needs to be broken? Which children need saving faith, and how can you pray for them?
- Chilliwack* What is a memory that comes to mind about your mom (or a godly woman) teaching you the gospel or displaying an attribute of God? Why are you grateful for mothers specifically? What is a meaningful way you can encourage your mother this week (or other moms around you)? Spend some time thanking God for moms and interceding for them.
- Harrison* If your mother is/was a follower of Jesus, what aspects of her faith most impacted you? How might you embody those faith attributes in your own life? If your mother is not a believer, how can you share about your faith in Christ with her? How can you honor your mother today?
- Promontory* How do we speak about motherhood? Do we view it as a high calling or a low one? How does seeing the gospel in motherhood help our understanding of this calling? How can you model the gospel to your children? How as a mom can you rest in the Lord when you are feeling overwhelmed?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer?
An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Central Life Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Life Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Life Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

While the meaning of a text doesn't change, the way that we are called to apply it may look different from campus to campus, and even person to person. To reflect this distinction, you will see application questions from each campus in this guide.

Start with the question(s) from your campus and then look at others to see if they are helpful for your group. You may be surprised how similar or different they end up being and how the diversity brings a fuller understanding to how we can apply the Word of God.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*