

## DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Scripture - Reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Bible.

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."  
2 Timothy 3.16*

**BEST SUMMER EVER – Godliness****STARTER QUESTIONS:**

What would make this the best summer ever for you?

How would you like for God to show up in your life this summer?

**MAIN IDEA:**

We are currently in a message series entitled BEST SUMMER EVER. We have been discussing how we can get closer to God this summer with all that we pack into this season. Two weeks ago we talked about finding a calm in all the chaos, and last week we talked about how God grows courage in us. This week we are talking about how we can grow in our Godliness.

**Have a group member read 1 Timothy 4:6-10 (NLT).**

*"If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed. Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers." 1 Timothy 4:6-10 (NLT)*

**What stands out to you in this scripture?**

**What does "training for godliness" mean?**

This week Pastor Hank reminded us that there is an amazing payoff for us when we train to be godly, but there is an intentional process that we must follow.

**What are some of the payoffs for being godlier?**

**What are some practical ways that we can train to be godlier?**

### **How can you relate to their story?**

Spiritual growth is intentional. We must train in order to get better at anything. In order for us to get better at anything we do, we must be willing to take the time and go to the trouble.

### **What are some of the things that you have trained for in your life?**

Part of the process of being godlier is having a commitment to the process and the discipline to complete the goal.

### **What would you say is the biggest commitment in your life right now?**

### **What is one area that you want to work on this summer to make yourself “more godlier”**

## **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

As we kick off the summer, let's take some time to pray for each other as a group that we will work hard to be godlier, that we will stay committed to our goal and that we will encourage each other (like Paul did for Timothy) and that when we settle back into our schedule in the fall, we are better fit to grow God's kingdom.

### **How can we pray for you as a group?**

## **CLOSE IN PRAYER AS A GROUP**

In addition to the personal requests of the group, make sure you also pray for:

- **Personal health and safety and fun for the summer.**
- **The group to grow closer through summer events.**
- **That the group will grow with more people sharing in life group.**
- **Coastal Staff and the safe and productive sabbatical for Hank and Donna.**
- **Each person in the group will grow godlier this summer.**

BEST SUMMER  
"Godliness"

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- Godliness - there's an amazing payoff

*"...promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." (vs.8)*

- Godliness - there's an intentional process

*"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle..." (vs. 8-9)*

"Training" = gymnazo = Practice naked (in the games)

"Work hard" = kopiao = feel fatigue

"Struggle" = agonizomai

*"Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." I Tim. 4:7b (Ph)*

- Godliness - there's a personal commitment

*"...train yourself to be godly." (vs.7)*

Practical Application (Take the Summer Challenge!)

- Worship of God
- Word of God

Resource:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/2095-key-beliefs-supporting-basic-beliefs>