

GROWTH GROUP STUDY

REFLECT

1. Share a time you have served in the past (whether at church, on a mission trip, or something else). *What made the time memorable? How did you get involved?*

2. *Do you know anyone you would characterize as a model servant? Who?*

ENCOUNTER

Timothy was a young disciple, likely led to Christ by Paul. He was the son of Eunice and grandson of Lois, mentioned in 2 Timothy 1:5. Timothy accompanied Paul on his trips through Europe and Asia and was likely imprisoned with Paul in Rome. Following Paul's death, it is traditionally believed that Timothy settled in Ephesus until he was martyred. Timothy was present with Paul when 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon were written. He was also the recipient of 1 and 2 Timothy.

3. *How does Paul describe Timothy in 1 Corinthians 4:17 and 1 Corinthians 16:10?*

4. Read Philippians 2:19-24. *What qualities of Timothy make him a model servant?*

5. In verses 20-21, Paul states that Timothy is a kindred spirit and that everyone else seeks "after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus". *What are the interests of Christ Jesus?*

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6. *What are some of the interests today that tend to take priority over Christ?*

TRANSFORM

7. Brainstorm ways your group might be able to serve within the church body or community.

8. *What are some ways you, individually, can serve throughout the week?*