

## **Life Group Questions and Message Notes**

1. Read 2 Timothy 2, what stands out to you as you read this?
2. What is your testimony? How did Jesus change your life?
3. What questions are you struggling with right now?

## **Elephant in the Room – Dealing with the big issues no one wants to talk about Pastor Mark Miller – May 23rd, 2021**

*“Again I say, don’t get involved in foolish arguments, which only upset people and make them angry. God’s people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God’s help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true. Then they will come to their senses and escape from Satan’s trap of slavery to sin, which he uses to catch them whenever he likes, and then they can begin doing the will of God.” 2 Timothy 2:23-26 (TLB)*

### **QUESTION EVERYTHING**

*“And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.” Acts 17:11 (NLT)*

### **ASK THE BEST QUESTIONS NOT JUST THE EASY ONES**

*“As soon as the Israelite army saw him [Goliath], they began to run away in fright. ‘Have you seen the giant?’ the men asked....” 1 Samuel 17:24-25a (NLT)*

*“David asked the soldiers standing nearby, ‘What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?’” 1 Samuel 17:26 (NLT)*

### **FOLLOW THE TRUTH WHEREVER IT LEADS**

*“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. ‘I’ll go fight him!’ ‘Don’t be ridiculous!’ Saul replied. ‘There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.’ But David persisted. ‘I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,’ he said. ‘When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!’ Saul finally consented. ‘All right, go ahead,” he said. ‘And may the Lord be with you!’” 1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NLT)*

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NLT)*

## **THE TRUTH GIVES YOU VICTORY**

*“Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, ‘It has come at last - salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth the one who accuses them before our God day and night. And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.’” Revelation 12:10-11 (NLT)*

## **HOW TO SURVIVE SATANS TRAP:**

- **THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB**
- **YOUR TESTIMONY**
- **DO NOT LOVE YOUR LIFE SO MUCH THAT YOU ARE AFRAID TO DIE**