

# FORWARD THINKING

Be Real  
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<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 2:1-5

## To Be Real

Matthew 6:2; 6:5; 6:16; 7:4-5; 15:7-8; 23:13

### 1. Remember Your Roots

1 Corinthians 1:26

### 2. Don't Hide Your Heart

John 11:33-26

### 3. Go Deep Relationally

Acts 2:46-47

## Home/Group Study

*“Being authentic means that God and his Word define what is real... I fear that without biblical thought, we may accept an inferior version of tell-all, tolerate-all authenticity.”*

Megan Hill

1. Author Megan Hill cautions that we may have embraced a skewed version of authenticity. What do you think she means by a “tell-all, tolerate-all” way of being real?
2. What comes to mind when you hear that someone is sincere? When you hear someone is a hypocrite?
3. How would you describe a person with sincere faith?
4. In terms of your faith, who has invested in you, and helped you become who you are today?
5. Is there anyone in your life who you are investing in and encouraging in his or her faith? If not, who might that be?