

# FORWARD THINKING

## Rekindle

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

**2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)**

### **I. Recognize Your Gifting**

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

**1 Cor. 12:7 (NLT)**

*It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

**1 Cor. 12:11 (NLT)**

### **II. Trust the Giver**

*That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

**1 Timothy 4:10-12 (NIV)**

The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

**Exodus 4:11-12 (NIV)**

### **III. Be Diligent**

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

**1 Timothy 4:15 (NIV)**

## Home / Group Study

"To stir up actively is the opposite of extinguishing passively". -Thomas Oden

1. What is the premise of our series entitled 'Forward Thinking'?
2. Spend a few minutes highlighting some of the main points from last week's message entitled 'Sincere Faith' and this week's message entitled 'Rekindle'.
3. As we discussed on Sunday, Moses had a difficult time trusting how and why God was going to use him (Read Exodus 3 & 4). What were some of his excuses? Do you have any excuses of your own? How did he try to get out of it? What was God's promise to him?
4. Have you ever explored your spiritual gifting(s)? How? What was the outcome? IF not, are you interested in the idea? (Over the years MLPC has offered various classes that focus on deepening our relationship with Jesus, a discussion on spiritual gifting and assessment are part of those classes. Contact the office if you are interested in discussing this further.)
5. Are you currently serving in a capacity that engages that gifting? Why or why not? IF yes, how has engaging this gift stretched you? IF no, what is holding you back?