

Main Idea: Long-lasting faithfulness requires an intergenerational community of accountability and discipleship.

Context of the Pastoral Epistles

- **Author:** Paul
- **Audience:** Timothy & Titus
- **Situation:** Paul writes to two young pastors to help them navigate leadership in church community.

Intergenerational Community

- Treat your church community as the family of God. (1 Timothy 5:1-2)
- Pursue spiritual maturity and ministry despite your age. (1 Timothy 4:6-16; 2 Timothy 2:22-23)
- Join in the spiritual growth of all ages. (Titus 2:1-8)

Sin and accountability in the church

- Members of the church are saved from sin by the work of Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:12-17; Titus 3:3-7)
- Members of the church are still tempted by and sometimes give in to sin. (1 Timothy 6:9-16)
- Members of the church must keep one another accountable through encouragement and discipline. (1 Timothy 5, 6:17-19; Titus 1:10-16)

A warning against falling way

- Two paths in the pastoral epistles:
 - Hold strong to true teaching from God's word. (2 Timothy 3-4)
 - Reject the gospel for false teachings and sinful works. (1 Timothy 1:3-7, 4:1-5, 6:3-10; 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 4:3-4)

PASTORAL EPISTLES PART 2

Discussion Guide

NT Overview

Main Idea: Long-lasting faithfulness requires an intergenerational community of accountability and discipleship.

Intro Question: Who is an older Christian that you look up to and would like to imitate?

Teaching Part 1

Intergenerational Community

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2. How would viewing your church as a family change the way you interact with other members?

- In healthy families, Fathers command respect and imitation while also being loved and admired. Mothers are trusted and honored, giving a wealth of wisdom to the next generation. Brothers and sisters are close companions who have a deep concern for one another's well-being. The church provides many comparable relationships that are meant to help every member grow in discipleship.

Sin and accountability in the church

Read Titus 1:9-16. How is a pastor told to respond to sin and false teaching in the church? How can rebuke and confrontation be loving in the context of the local church?

- Sin and false teaching are destructive. Christians cannot lovingly allow other Christians to destroy themselves with ungodliness. The loving response is to say something. It is worth having confrontation if you can save a brother or sister from the destruction of sin and false teaching.

Teaching Part 2

A warning against falling away

Based on what you've learned about the Pastoral Epistles over the last 2 weeks, what is the church's best defense against sin and false teaching?

- Paul continually tells Timothy and Titus to guard the truth of God's word, to teach it, obey it, and use it. The Bible is our guide to truth. It is our instruction for good works. It is our standard for community and discipleship. If we remain faithful to the word of God, we will glorify God as a community of believers. If we abandon God's word, the gospel will not be advanced through us and our lives will become unfruitful.

Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4. What are some modern myths that people believe instead of the truth of Scripture?

- The myths that we are tempted to believe "suit our own passions." Many modern myths have to do with finding joy through the fulfillment of worldly desires. "Be true to yourself." "Follow your heart." "Whatever you feel is right." People are rejecting the Bible's standards for morality and truth and instead turning to their own passions and desires. We have to stay committed to the truth of God's word, because it gives the teaching that truly gives life.

Answer to Remember: The letters of the New Testament are God's inspired instructions to His people about the gospel, the Christian life, and the Church.

Context of Philippians

- **Author:** _____
- **Audience:** The church in _____
- **Situation:** Paul writes to a church that he loves to _____ them to continue living faithfully.

Intergenerational _____

- Treat your church community as the _____ of God. (1 Timothy 5:1-2)
- Pursue spiritual _____ and ministry despite your age. (1 Timothy 4:6-16; 2 Timothy 2:22-23)
- Join in the spiritual _____ of all ages. (Titus 2:1-8)

Sin and _____ in the church

- Members of the church are _____ from sin by the work of Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:12-17; Titus 3:3-7)
- Members of the church are still _____ by and sometimes give in to sin. (1 Timothy 6:9-16)

- Members of the church must keep one another accountable through encouragement and _____ . (1 Timothy 5, 6:17-19; Titus 1:10-16)

A warning against falling way

- Two options in the pastoral epistles:
 - Hold strong to _____ teaching from God's word. (2 Timothy 3-4)
 - _____ the gospel for false teachings and sinful works. (1 Timothy 1:3-7, 4:1-5, 6:3-10; 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 4:3-4)

PASTORAL EPISTLES PART 2

NT Overview

Teaching Resources

[Bible Project video: 1 Timothy Overview](#)

[Bible Project video: 2 Timothy Overview](#)

[Bible Project video: Titus Overview](#)

[Capitol Hill Baptist Church Core Seminar: NT Overview](#)

[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to 1 Timothy](#)

[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to 2 Timothy](#)

[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to Titus](#)