

Sermon Discussion Guide

01.07.24 Message | Tyler Myers | 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Key Scripture:

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen”.

- 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Message Highlights:

- “We don’t fast to prove strength or superiority, but rather to discover weakness and our deep need for Jesus, our saving king!”
 - “We become what we BEHOLD. We shape our tools, and thereafter, our tools shape us.”
- Marshall McLuhan
 - We start reading, studying, listening and internalizing God’s Word as he is with us, not against us nor beyond us.”
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CONVERSATION STARTER

- What does the word "trust" mean to you personally? How do you typically build trust with someone new?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- How has the Spirit spoken to you through this section of God’s word?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- What is the overall purpose of this text?
- The passage begins with “But as for you, O man of God...”. What does it look like to be a person of God? How does this relate to the qualities mentioned in the text (righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness)?
- In what ways does the charge to "keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach" connect to the broader theme of living a life of faith and commitment to God?
- Considering the call to pursue righteousness and godliness, how might these qualities be expressed in practical terms in the life of a believer?

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

Tyler mentioned in his message Sunday that we, as Christians, are at our best when we are fighting together. He notes that we, the Church, are meant to be together, be active together and be in the Word together.

- How does the idea of "fighting together" as Christians align with the concept of "fighting the good fight of the faith" in the second statement? What challenges or obstacles might believers face when trying to actively engage and support each other in their faith journey?
- Discuss the significance of making a "good confession in the presence of many witnesses." How might public declarations of faith contribute to personal accountability and the strength of a Christian community?

Read: Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Joshua 1:8, and Hebrews 4:12

Tyler connects these verses with the words *Information*, *Formation* and *Transformation*.

- These scripture references emphasize the importance of walking with God through his Word. How has God's Word made an impact on your life thus far?
- Based on Tyler's description of *Information*, *Formation* and *Transformation*, how has/could God's Word impact these areas of your life?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group recognize the communal implications for us as a Gospel-centered community?)

- What is the importance of having a unified front "fighting together" as a church body? How can you be an example of this in your church community?
- Fighting together also suggests being a supportive community. How has your community of believers been a support to you? How can you lean into them more?
- Have you ever considered that God may be calling you to step outside your comfort zone and be more of a model to those around you for the sake of the gospel? How can you take intentional steps to be used by the Lord in this capacity?

THINK EXPAND (Does your group recognize the missional implications for those we want to reach for Christ?)

- How does the concept of Christians being at their best when "fighting together" apply to investing in our community for the Kingdom of God?
- In what ways can a unified and active church community of believers effectively engage in evangelistic efforts within the local community?
- How do the virtues mentioned in the second statement (righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness) contribute to effective community ministry?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- How does the concept of eternal life mentioned in the passage influence the way believers approach their daily lives and challenges?
- How does the call to "take hold of the eternal life" link to the broader understanding of the Kingdom of God, and what implications does it have for believers living within the Kingdom principles we learned from the message?