



Sermon Discussion Guide
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Key Scriptures:

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

- 1 Timothy 4:4-16

I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot...so, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold I will spit you out of my mouth.

- Revelation 3:15-16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Message Highlights:

- Without intentional accountability, our natural tendency is to live a lukewarm life.
- Gospel accountability is our guarantee to experience Eternity Now and forever.
- Most of us want the power and benefits of accountability, but wrestle with or are unsure how to establish accountability in our lives.
- The power of accountability is unlocked as we surrender to God and have a trusted voice checking the temperature gauge of our life.



Conversation Starter:

Think about a time that you were accountable for something or someone. Did the motivation of having to give an account impact the quality of your conduct?

Discuss the Message:

1. What does lukewarm spirituality look like according to Isaiah 29:13?
 - a. How do the comforts we are accustomed to in our day-to-day lives feed or repel a lukewarm faith? Think of examples for both avenues.
 - b. Is accountability in the Christian's life a suggestion or a command? Does your life reflect your answer to the previous question?
2. How can giving an account to a trusted voice in your life help you to draw near to God and his intentions for us as Christians?
 - a. If you have participated or are actively participating in accountability, what fruit have you noticed from your partnership? How has it impacted your life?
 - b. If accountability is new to you, how do you anticipate this practice will impact your life in light of scripture and Tyler's teaching?
3. Are there areas of your life in which you could further invite God or a trusted voice in?
 - a. What hesitations do you have about accountability, and how does the Bible address your reservations?
 - b. What is there to be said about the wisdom in seeking consistent accountability, rather than waiting and letting accountability find you?
4. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what role does the Bible play in our spiritual walk?
 - a. Look beyond 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy and notice where else scripture discusses accountability. How does God's Word encourage us to pursue this spiritual discipline?

Pray:

God, we thank you for the gift of Biblical community that you've given us. Thank you for your vision for the Church and the desire you have for us to lead healthy, spirit-filled lives. When we are hesitant to give an account to one another, would you help us to remember your Word in 1 Timothy? May we recognize that when we are obedient to your will, abundant life will follow. In Jesus' name, amen.