



GENERATIONS

It Shall Be Told

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Generations | "Faithful to the Scriptures" | 2 Tim. 3:1-17 | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Feb. 9 - Sunday, Feb. 15 (Week 5)

Emphasis for the Month: **Deepening Roots Through Consistency**

The excitement of a new semester has settled into the rhythm of real life. This is the stage where groups either grow deeper or drift into routine. Month two is about strengthening what you started and helping your group move from surface connection to meaningful community. Now is the time to deepen the roots.

Stay consistent.

Faithful presence matters more than perfect meetings. Keep showing up prepared, prayerful, and expectant. Consistency builds trust, and trust builds openness.

Draw quieter people in.

By now you can notice who talks easily and who holds back. Gently invite quieter members to share. A simple, "We'd love to hear from you," can go a long way.

Follow up personally.

A quick text, call, or coffee meeting during the week communicates care. Shepherding often happens between meetings, not just in them.

Revisit the "why."

Remind your group that you're not just gathering for discussion, but for transformation. We gather to know Christ more, love one another well, and live on mission.

Pray for growth, not just needs.

Pray for spiritual maturity, obedience, boldness in witness, and increasing love for Christ. Ask God to actively shape your people.

Remember:

Healthy groups aren't built on hype but on steady faithfulness. The Lord often works most powerfully through ordinary, consistent investment over time.



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As the Generations initiative continues, help your group see that discipleship is not a moment but a movement. God is forming people who will pass on faith, invest in others, and live generously for His kingdom. Thank you for your faithful leadership. God uses steady shepherds to build strong communities.

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please join us for our prayer gathering every Tuesday night at 6:30PM
2. **Commitment Sunday** - Sunday, February 22. This will be the last Sunday in our Generations series when all people who are committing to the vision will bring their commitment cards to church filled out and offer them to God during the service.

ICE BREAKER: What's one book (besides the Bible) that has significantly shaped your thinking or life? What made it so impactful for you?

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read this week's scripture from 2 Timothy 3:1-17, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

What does it mean when God's Word pierces our hearts with its living truth? In Pastor Mike's powerful exploration of 2 Timothy 3, he unveils the profound reality that Scripture is literally "God-breathed" – not merely inspired like artistic creativity, but directly exhaled from the very mouth of God Himself. Through careful examination of the original Greek word "theopneustos," (thee-op-NYOO-stohs) Pastor Mike illuminates how Paul invented this unique term to capture the Bible's divine origin and absolute authority. This timeless truth carries urgent implications: as cultural opposition intensifies, our only sure foundation is continuing steadfastly in God's Word, which alone can equip us for every good work. Rather than seeking strength in social media or worldly wisdom, we must root ourselves in Scripture's life-giving truth, allowing it to teach, rebuke, correct and train us in righteousness. The testimony of Christine powerfully illustrates how God's Word still transforms lives today, drawing even skeptics into living relationship with Jesus Christ.

QUESTION #1 - In verse 16, Paul says all Scripture is "breathed out by God." How does understanding that the Bible comes directly from God's mouth change the way you approach reading it?





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QUESTION #2 - Timothy learned Scripture from his mother and grandmother (v. 15). Who taught you about God's Word? If you didn't have that influence, how has that absence affected you? If you did, how are you passing that on to the next generation (your kids, students, younger believers)?

QUESTION #3 - Pastor Mike asked: "Would you say that generally speaking there is a drift from the Word or a drawing near to God through the Word?" How would you honestly describe your current relationship with the Bible?

QUESTION #4 - Where are you tempted to drift from the authority of Scripture or rely on personal wisdom?

QUESTION #5 - (IMPORTANT - Please save time for this question) - This sermon is part of the church's "Generations" initiative—a two-year commitment to discipleship and generosity to establish a permanent home for gospel ministry. Pastor Mike walked through practical steps for prayerful financial commitment. Where are you in processing this?

- **Application:** If you haven't yet, work through the "uncomfortable but within your means" exercise this week. Share with one trusted person (spouse, accountability partner, or group member) what number you're sensing God leading you toward. Pray together about it.

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking *and recording* prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).



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