



GENERATIONS

It Shall Be Told

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Generations | "Faithful to the End" | 2 Tim. 4:1-8 | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 22 (Week 6)

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: Think about someone who "finished well" in their faith. Maybe a grandparent, mentor, or Christian leader. What about their life made an impact on you? What do you hope people would say about how you finished?

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 4:1-8, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

In Pastor Mike's message about generations and faithful ministry, he explores Paul's final charge to Timothy to preach God's Word and finish well. Drawing from 2 Timothy 4, he emphasizes how true biblical preaching must boldly reprove sin, rebuke wrongdoing, and exhort believers, all while maintaining complete patience in teaching. The sermon reaches its emotional peak when Pastor Mike challenges the listener to consider their readiness to meet Jesus, asking whether they would feel excitement or panic if given 30 minutes notice. Through vivid examples of faithful leaders like Tim Keller who finished well, Mike compellingly illustrates that Jesus died not just to save us from hell, but to be our closest friend both now and for eternity.

QUESTION #1 - Paul gives Timothy a charge to "preach the word" with four specific actions: reprove, rebuke, exhort, and teach with patience (v. 2). Which of these four do you find most challenging to receive from a sermon or from other believers? Why?





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QUESTION #2 - Paul warns about people with "itching ears" who accumulate teachers to suit their own passions (v. 3-4). In what areas of your life are you most tempted to seek out voices that tell you what you want to hear rather than what you need to hear?

QUESTION #3 - Paul tells Timothy to "endure suffering" and "always be sober-minded" (v. 5). The sermon described this as having a "high pain tolerance" being able to receive criticism, handle disappointment, and stay faithful when hurt. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your current "pain tolerance" in your walk with Christ? What recent situation tested this?

QUESTION #4 - The sermon asked a challenging question: "If you knew you were going to die in the next 30 minutes, would you be excited to meet Jesus, or would you panic and feel like you needed to get things in order first?" Be honest, how would you answer that question right now?

QUESTION #5 - Paul describes his life as "being poured out as a drink offering" (v. 6) allowing God to use him completely for the sake of others coming to faith. In what specific area of your life is God asking you to be "poured out" right now? (This could be in your family, workplace, neighborhood, church, etc...)

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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