



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Generations | Faithful Savior | 2 Timothy 4:9-22

Monday, March 2 - Sunday, March 8 (Week 8)

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

ICE BREAKER: Who is someone who showed up for you when you really needed them and what did their presence mean to you in that moment?

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.

DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read this week's scripture from 2 Timothy 4:9-22, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

In the heart of Pastor Mike's message about generations and legacy, we witness a profound exploration of faithfulness amidst relational pain, drawing from Paul's final words in 2 Timothy. Through vulnerable accounts of ministry challenges and personal disappointments, Pastor Mike illuminates how the personal presence of Christ provides the strength to persevere when others fall away. Pastor Mike weaved together the church's "Generations" vision with Paul's testimony, showing that our ability to impact future generations depends not on human reliability but on Christ's faithful presence. The sermon culminates in a powerful call to action, inviting the congregation to commit to supporting the gospel's advancement beyond their lifetimes, emphasizing that true Christian legacy transcends individual comfort to embrace Christ's greater purpose. Through personal examples and scriptural wisdom, Pastor Mike demonstrates how the church can move forward in unity, anchored in Christ's presence, even when human relationships disappoint.

QUESTION #1 - Paul says "the Lord stood by me and strengthened me" (v. 17). Of the four benefits of Christ's presence mentioned in the sermon, (personal presence, powerful presence, purposeful presence, protective presence), which one resonates most with you right now and why?



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QUESTION #2 - Paul writes, "May it not be charged against them" about people who deserted him. In the sermon, Pastor Mike said, "Stop holding that "thing" against that person." Without sharing names and details, was there a situation came to mind for you, and if so, what would it look like practically this week to release that person to God's justice rather than holding onto it yourself?

QUESTION #3 - In the sermon, Pastor Mike said, "One of the reasons we don't respond with the same humility as Paul when we are hurt is because our self-esteem is too high." What did this question make you think and feel and how does it challenge you?

QUESTION #4 - Pastor Mike warned: "You're going to experience some of what Paul described... from people in this church, and you're going to be tempted to run." What spiritual practices or relationships can you put in place now to help you endure when (not if) you're let down by someone in the church?

QUESTION #5 - Paul's purpose was bigger than his comfort: "through me the message might be fully proclaimed." The sermon asked, "Is your mission in life wrapped up in your self-esteem?" How would you honestly answer that question?

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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