

25th- 1 Timothy 4:13-5:2 Miniseries "Ekklesia" Title: Fellowship & the Word
Big Point::: Focus is the Word, our Function is Each Other

- Outline

- Biblical Focus (What does the Bible do?)
- Other's Minded (How the Bible is made real)
- Loving People (Encourage with purity)

Small Group Questions

1. In verse 13, Paul encourages Timothy to focus on several aspects of his calling. What are these focuses? How do Paul's instructions to Timothy translate and apply to modern readers of this epistle? In light of these instructions, to what should the modern reader devote him or herself?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word "devote?" What kind of expectation does the inclusion of this word set? How can you live a life that is dedicated to the public portrayal of scriptural principals and speaking the truths of God's Word to those you encounter in your daily life? Is it possible to live a life that looks spiritually productive on the outside but, in reality, is anything but (refer to Matthew 23:27-28)?
3. Every follower of Jesus is part of the body of Christ. Who in the body of Christ receives spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7)? Timothy's giftings were focused on preaching and leading others. Read Ephesians 2:10. Why have the members of the body of Christ been given spiritual gifts? What are your spiritual gifts, and how can you use them in your daily life to bring glory to God and edify those around you?
4. In verse 14, Paul warns Timothy not to neglect his spiritual gifting. What would that neglect look like in Timothy's life? What would the neglect of your spiritual giftings look like in your life? Read Matthew 25:14-30. Which servants exercised the gifts they were given properly? What are the positive consequences for their actions? Which servant did not use the master's gift properly? What were the consequences for these actions? How does this translate into your life today? Are you neglecting your spiritual gifting? What are the consequences of your actions?
5. Paul makes it clear that Timothy must respect the women of the faith. Older women were to be treated as mothers and encouraged in the same light. What does this mean? How could Timothy encourage older women as mothers? What kind of behaviors could Timothy expect in return from these women?
6. Paul encourages Timothy to treat younger women of the faith as sisters. What does this look like practically speaking? Is this a warning from Paul for Timothy to mind his conduct with younger women? Does this have anything to do with living a life which is above reproach (1 Timothy 3:1-7)?