Grace Group Guide

United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...
-Scripture: Be in the Word together
-Encouragement: One another each other
-Prayer: With and for each other and the lost
-Accountability: Now What? Put it into action!

-ICEBREAKER-

- Have you had any impactful mentors in your life? If so, what was it about their mentorship that made it meaningful/impactful?

Transition: We are starting a new sermon series in ***2 Timothy,*** which contains Paul's last words to Timothy. Paul was like a spiritual mentor to Timothy, and he viewed Timothy like a son (see v. 2). His last words to Timothy are powerful. This week, we will look at ***2 Timothy 1:1-14*** and think about what we should learn from Paul's opening in this letter.

-DISCUSSION-

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-14

- What stands out to you from Paul's opening to Timothy in verses 1-5? What can we learn about their relationship from these opening verses?
- Make a list of Paul's instructions to Timothy in verses 6-14.
    - Fain into flame the gift of God (v. 6)
    - Not be ashamed of the testimony about Jesus or Paul (v.8a)
    - Join with Paul in suffering for the gospel. (v. 8)
    - Keep the pattern of sound teaching passed onto him with faith (v. 13)
    - Guard the good deposit (the Gospel) with the holy of the Spirit
- How does Paul describe the gospel verses 8-11? And how does this gospel give Paul confidence in the midst of his suffering (look at verse 12)?

As a group, try to summarize what this passage teaches us about Paul (and Timothy).

-REFLECTION-

- Do you have the same mindset as Paul exemplifies here?
    - Some further questions to ask:
        - Do you pray for anyone the way Paul does for Timothy here? Do you love and care for others the way Paul does?
        - Are you willing to pass on leadership to others? Are you mentoring anyone? Or is it a struggle for you to allow others to lead?
        - Are you willing to suffer for Christ and His gospel?
- Why do we find it difficult to live boldly for the Gospel if we believe it?
- Why would Paul ask Timothy to guard the message of the Gospel?

-**APPLICATION**-

- Do you have someone mentoring/discipling you? If not, consider asking someone within the church who is further along the journey of faith to mentor/disciple you.
    - ***Leader Note:*** This should not be complicated. Rather, it is a simple ask to meet with someone weekly to read Scripture and pray.
- Are you mentoring/discipling someone else? If not, think if there's a young person in your life that you could reach out to and care for like Paul did Timothy.
- Do you live unashamedly in light of the Gospel? Regardless, it would be a good practice to recite the Gospel to yourself every morning so that you can remind yourself to live and share even more, and in boldness.
- Read 2 Timothy this week.

-**PRAY**-

- Lord, thank you for how you have gifted the Church and asked us to sharpen and disciple one another. We pray that we would be able to humble ourselves and recognize when it is time to allow others to step into leadership. Help us to be willing to disciple others with the intention of stepping aside and allowing you to work through all generations
- Lord, we ask that we would be able to live boldly in light of the Gospel. We pray that we would remind ourselves, as Paul did in this letter, that the Gospel is reliable and therefore worth suffering unashamedly. We ask that, through the Holy Spirit, you would give us new boldness for the Gospel. Amen!