

Small Group Guide: Leave a Legacy

Opening Question: What's your favorite "dad joke" or pun that never fails to make people laugh? Share it with the group and see who gives the best groan.

Opening Prayer: *Dear Lord, Thank You for bringing us together today. As we open up Your Word, help us to hear what You want to say. Teach us through the stories and examples in Scripture—things like compassion, consistency, commitment, and courage. Give us wisdom as we talk and learn together, and show us how to live in a way that leaves a legacy that honors You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Key Takeaways:

1. "True greatness is determined by the wealth of our values, not the value of our wealth."
2. God desires men and women to exhibit compassion, consistency, commitment, and courage.
3. Our actions and character speak louder than our words in leaving a lasting legacy.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions four characteristics found in Timothy and Epaphroditus: compassion, consistency, commitment, and courage. Which of these do you find most challenging to embody in your own life? Why?
2. Pastor Dan talks about the importance of having convictions rather than just opinions. What are some core convictions in your life that you would be willing to stand firm on, even in difficult circumstances?
3. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Discuss this concept of being a "living sacrifice" and what that means.
 - a. What makes this challenging in daily life?
 - b. How do we "renew our minds," as it mentions in this passage?
 - c. How can renewing our minds daily influence our actions and decisions?
4. The sermon mentions that we "only believe the part of the Bible that we do." How does this statement challenge you? In what areas of your life might there be a disconnect between your beliefs and actions?
5. **Read Proverbs 13:22.** This passage states that "a good life gets passed on to the grandchildren." How can we practically demonstrate and pass on the values of a righteous life to our family and community? What legacy do you hope to leave behind?
6. **Read Psalm 112:6.** What characteristics do you think contribute to being remembered as a righteous person? How can we cultivate these traits in our daily lives?
7. **Read Philippians 2:20.** Paul says of Timothy in Philippians 2:20, "I have no one else like him." What made Timothy unique in his dedication to the ministry? How can we follow Timothy's example and dedication in our own walk with Christ?
8. **Read Proverbs 10:9.** This passage talks about walking with integrity. What are some common challenges we face in maintaining integrity? How does our character influence our ability to witness to others?

Practical Applications:

1. Integrity Check: This week, pay attention to the promises you make, both big and small. Make a conscious effort to follow through on every commitment.
2. Compassion Challenge: Identify one person in your life (family, work, or community) who you can prioritize over your own interests this week. Plan a specific way to show them compassion.
3. Legacy Reflection: Take some time to write down what kind of legacy you want to leave. What specific actions can you take now to start building that legacy?
4. Conviction Strengthening: Choose one core belief or value you hold. Research it further in Scripture and commit to living it out more intentionally this week.
5. Sacrifice Assessment: Reflect on areas where you might be hesitant to "roll the dice" for God due to comfort or security. Pray about one step you can take to loosen your grip on worldly attachments.

Closing Prayer: *Dear Lord, help us to live lives of compassion, consistency, commitment, and courage. May we be living sacrifices, fully devoted to You in all areas of our lives. Guide us as we seek to leave a legacy that honors You and impacts future generations. In Jesus' name, Amen.*