

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of January 17, 2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Think about your Drivers Ed teacher. Did you have a good or bad experience? What do you remember about their teaching for that all important activity? Could you teach someone else to drive today because of how they taught you? Discuss for a few minutes

Main Scripture Text: Titus 2:1-8, 2Timothy 2:2, Matthew 28:18-20

Digging Deeper - Take some time and read through Titus 2:1-8 together as a group.

(Review this week's passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it.)

1. What are all the things Paul tells Titus to "teach" in these verses? List all of them.
2. Sunday, Pastor Al spoke about Generation 3 & 4 discipleship - entrusting what you've been taught "to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others" 2Tim. 2:2. Titus explains teaching in specific ways. Explain who it was who taught you these principles. ie - how to raise my children, sound in my faith, love my husband, be kind or self-controlled, etc.
3. Would 1 or 2 of you be willing to give an example of how important it was to have someone helping you accomplish these things? What if you didn't have anyone?
4. Why would Paul direct Titus to do this type of teaching with people? What good, as believers, is it to teach others these "elements"?
5. Review your life. What opportunities are there in your life to be a mentor? Would anyone want to share about anyone you would be willing to pass on these scriptural instructions to?

Apply it today

1. Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why?
2. Right now, write down the name of one person you could be a Generation 3 / 4 mentor to.