



Discussion Guide: Influencer | Sincere Faith

Begin with prayer

5 min

Check In

20-30 min

Spend a few minutes catching up on life with one another.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

Discuss this week's sermon

10-15 min

- We baptized several children on Sunday. When we do this as a church, we commit to “order our lives after the example of Christ” so that these children may be surrounded by God’s love and see what it means to follow Jesus. How can we practically live into this commitment for the next generation?
- If we want to influence future generations for the glory of God we have to **pray, invest, encourage, & remember**. Who has prayed for, invested in, encouraged, and helped to remind you of God’s goodness?

Open your bibles together

30-35 min

PRAY

- Read 2 Timothy 1:3 & James 5:13-16
- When Mark asked who is the person that constantly comes to your mind, who was that for you? How are you praying for them in this season?
- How have you seen the power of prayer in your life? What can prayer do for this next generation that we can’t do?

INVEST

- Read 2 Timothy 1:5
- Good investments are marked by successful returns. What was the return on the investment that Lois and Eunice made in Timothy’s life?
- What does it look like to invest in this next generation?



ENCOURAGE

- Read 2 Timothy 1:6-7 & Hebrews 10:23-25
- How have you been encouraged to love and good deeds?
- Paul says that Timothy should “fan into flame the gift of God” that is in him. How have you seen the gift of God in someone in the next generation? How can you encourage them to fan that gift into flame?

REMEMBER

- Read 2 Timothy 1:8 & Joshua 1:7-9
- Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy to encourage him during a difficult season of ministry. Likewise, God was telling Joshua in this passage to remember the instruction of his mentor Moses. How has God placed someone from the generation before you to remind you of His goodness during a difficult season?
- How would remembering the word of God encourage someone when they are struggling?

Prayer for one another

5 min

- This is the last (sanctioned) home group meeting until the fall. How can we be praying for each other during the break?