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Home Group Discussion Guide

Serving God in Your Youth

1 Timothy 4:12

ICEBREAKER: How good are you at multitasking? Give an example.

OVERVIEW: God wants young people (children, teenagers, etc.) to serve Him in their youth. But youth can be an obstacle to serving God. In this discussion we will take a deeper look at how young people can overcome the obstacle of youth and start serving God right now.

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. 1 Timothy 4:12 says that people should serve God in their youth. How old do you have to be to serve God? How can a young person serve God — at church; home; school; etc.?
3. Of the young heroes mentioned in the sermon, which is the most inspiring to you? Explain. (Joseph; David; Josiah; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Mary.)
4. 1 Timothy 4:12 says that youth can be an obstacle to serving God. How so? How can the devil use youth to distract, discourage, and disqualify young people from serving God?

5. How can adults in the church be sure to encourage kids to serve God in their youth rather than discourage them?
6. 1 Timothy 4:12 tells young people to be an example to all the believers. What do you accomplish by being an example?
7. Outside of our church, who are some of the examples that God has used to encourage your spiritual growth?
8. 1 Timothy 4:12 says there are 5 areas we need to be an example. Read the verse next to each one, and jot down a specific way that you can be a better example in each area.
 - Speech: Talk in a way that honors God. Ephesians 4:25-29
 - Life: Imitate Christ with your actions. 1 John 2:6
 - Love: Do everything with love. John 3:16
 - Faith: Have unwavering confidence in God. Hebrews 11:6
 - Purity: Strive for total sexual purity. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

The Last Word: God wants you to serve Him in your youth. And the best way to begin is by being an example to all the believers.