

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MOTHERS  
2 Timothy 1:5

**ICEBREAKER:** How have you dealt with loss in your life?

**OVERVIEW:** We all need encouragement — especially mothers. The job of a mother is extremely important and incredibly difficult. In this discussion we will find encouragement by looking at the story of a mother in the Bible named Eunice.

1. 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. Who has been a big encouragement to you?
3. What are you most thankful for about your mother?
4. Do you think mothers need encouragement? Explain.
5. Read Hebrews 12:5-11 and answer the following questions.
  - a. Our Heavenly Father is the best parent ever. What can we learn about parenting from His example in this passage?
  - b. Some parenting experts today argue against all forms of punishment or painful disciplinary action. What does this passage say about parental discipline?

6. Read 2 Timothy 1:5 and refer to the sermon for the following questions. What obstacles did Eunice have to face in raising Timothy to be a godly young man?
7. What obstacles make it difficult to raise godly kids in the twenty-first century?
8. What two things did Eunice do to help Timothy grow into a man of God? (See 2 Timothy 3:15 and 2 Timothy 1:5.)
9. What must parents do to raise godly children in the twenty-first century?
10. 2 Timothy 1:5 says that Eunice had a sincere faith? What are the marks of a sincere (genuine) faith, and why is a sincere faith important for leading your kids to follow Christ?

**The Last Word:** "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6