

# Life Group Leader Guide

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“Fighting for What Matters”

1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Intro

Paul begins his letter to Timothy by encouraging him to charge those who are swerving away from the true gospel not to teach things that are contrary to sound doctrine. It appears that the law was being misused by these false teachers. Paul then explains that the law is good if used according to its purpose. The law is intended to point to our need for salvation. The law points to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God. In our current passage, Paul is illustrating the purpose of the law from his own testimony.



# Context

Paul was a blasphemer, persecutor and insolent opponent to the church. On the road to Damascus, Paul met Jesus and found out who he was actually persecuting. Acts 9:1-6 When Paul met Jesus, grace overflowed to Paul, and he became a servant of the very gospel he had been opposed to. Paul understood what a wretched man he had been, but now Paul is filled with gratitude and praise for the one who had extended grace to him.

## Opening Question

1. What stands out to you from the passage and/or sermon? Why?

## Digging Deeper: Study Questions

1. Read verse 12 in today's passage. Share your thoughts on the fact that it is Jesus who strengthens us, Jesus who judges us faithful and Jesus who appoints us to serve. How does that impact the way you view your call to serve?
2. How does the fact that Jesus judges you faithful change the way you view yourself? Do you find this hard to accept? Why?
3. Read verse 14. What comes to mind when you read that the grace of the Lord overflows? How have you experienced that in your life?
4. Read verse 15. Do you think Paul actually thought he was the worst sinner that ever lived? Why do you think he refers to himself as the foremost sinner? When we think of our own sin, do we compare ourselves to others and conclude we are not that bad?
5. Paul's past is still in mind as he praises God for the grace extended to him. Why is it important to remember what we have been saved from. How do we strike a balance between gratitude for the grace extended to us but not allowing our past to define us?
6. Read Romans 12:3-8. Share how God has gifted you to serve the body.



# Application Questions

1. How can we practice daily gratitude for God's grace extended to us?
2. Read through the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and in Romans 12:3-8 this week. Write down the top two gifts you believe God has given you through his Spirit. How can you use those gifts in the body of Christ?
3. Write down some people in your life that need to hear your testimony of God's grace. Pray for God to give you opportunities to share your testimony with them.

# Prayer Points

- Pray for our church, our pastors, and elders.
- Pray for the moms in our life that God would bless their servant hearted love for their families.
- Pray for our country and leaders.
- Pray that God would give us opportunities to share the Gospel with people this week.

