SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WARM UP: Giving Generously

Over the next month, we will focus on our foundational practice of giving generously. We are stewards of God's resources, which includes our time, gifts, and money. Generosity is a posture of the heart--we have been blessed to be a blessing to others! Spend a few minutes having 1-2 people share their responses to the following questions: How have you experienced God's generous heart in your life, and how does this compel you to live generously? What are barriers to giving generously?

- 1. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 out loud. What stands out to you in this passage? What caught your attention in Brad's message?
- 2. Paul addresses Timothy on how to remain faithful to the gospel amidst persecution and suffering. He states, "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (v. 12) Hardship and trials are expected for followers of Christ. How have you had to persevere amidst persecution and/or suffering in your own life? How has God used difficult circumstances to grow your faith in Christ and witness for Him?

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." PSALM 1:1-2

3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." Teaching shows you the right track, reproof alerts you when you are off track, correction shows you how to get back on track, and training shows you how to stay on track. Who in your life has God used to help you live these out? Where in your life right now do you see your need for teaching, reproof, correction, and/or training? What are you currently learning/meditating on in the Word?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

This week, take 10 minutes out of your day to sit with God and read one chapter in the Bible. You can begin your time by offering yourself to Him: "Lord, I am here and you are here with me." As you read, allow the Word to read you. What stands out to you? How does this time in the Word stir your affections for Christ? Allow yourself to be honest with the Lord as you process and reflect on His Word.