

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22 • NOVEMBER 13, 2022



Foundational Practice: 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 did you experience God's generous heart this past week? In what ways can you be intentionally generous this week?

1. *Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22 out loud.* What stands out to you in this passage? What caught your attention in the message?
2. How have you truly embraced God's vision for authentic, biblical community? What has been a challenge or felt-barrier to embracing authentic, biblical community?
3. Josh described several characteristics of biblical community, which included: up close and personal, having the potential to bring heartache and pain, resilient and restorative, reflecting a heart to serve others, protective, forgiving, a capacity to love others flowing out of one's own relationship with the Lord, always expanding, and praying for God's best for others. Which one of these characteristics have you personally experienced and what did it look like? How has God intentionally used community in your spiritual formation--both positive and negative experiences?

"To experience true transformation in Christ, we are called to walk with God and we are also called to walk in authentic, biblical community with God's people"

- JOSH HAWLEY

4. It has been said, "Legacy is not what you leave *for* people--it's what you leave *in* people." What legacy do you want to leave *in* people? As you think about the people who have left a legacy for you, what did they specifically leave *in* you?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

How can you specifically and purposefully move towards God's people this week? Spend a few minutes asking the Lord to bring someone to mind who you can reach out to this week. Pray for one another--that all of you would intentionally pursue community this week.