

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT + HERO'S LEGACY +

ADULT SMALL-GROUP STUDY

To the Teacher/Independent Studier,

This study is designed to accompany you as you teach the members of our church. This booklet and the accompanying video are only supplements. Feel free to take ownership of the materials and allow the Spirit to lead you as we talk about the heroes of the Bible together.

Included in this packet are pages intended to be handouts to your group/family with fill-in the blank lines that correspond to the video supplements on our Riverside Lighthouse website, and our Riverside Lighthouse YouTube page.

I realize it is much to ask, and that is why your partnership is both deeply appreciated and treasured. May God bless you immensely as we grow in our walk together!

Sincerely,
Your Pastors

WEEK 2 – “TIMOTHY: HUMBLE CONFIDENCE”

Pre-Lesson Study:

To the Teacher:

This lesson will be best accomplished by the Teacher first studying **2 Timothy 1:1-14**, **1 Timothy 4:6-16**, and **2 Corinthians 12:9-12**. If you would like to add any other verses that would enhance the study or speak to your heart, then please feel free to include them. The video portion of the lesson will cover 2 Timothy 1, and 1 Timothy 4, but you will be responsible for the additional thoughts of 2 Corinthians 12. As you study, keep the following in mind:

Themes to Keep in Mind:

- As you study the Scriptures, remember our true hero, founder, and perfecter of our faith is Jesus Himself. All of those we read about, who are considered heroes of the faith, are in truth simply reflections of the greatest one of all.
- Keep an eye out for how we can practically apply our faith and for what we can learn from Paul's letters to Timothy

Questions to Keep in Mind:

- We all are familiar with the phrase: "...when I am weak, then I am strong". But what does this really mean? How can we practically become weak so that Jesus may be strong?
- What does Jesus' strength look like amidst our weakness?
- How does the principle of "...when I am weak, then I am strong" apply to Timothy and His God-given gift?

Once you have read and studied the 2 Scriptures noted above, you are ready to preview the Adult Group lesson for preparation.

Lesson Opener: Welcome to the 6-Week Pursuit, Week 2, and today's topic: "Humble Confidence". We will focus on Timothy today and what we can learn from this founding father of the church.

Ice Breaker Question: What is a unique talent or ability you have that few people know about? –

- This could be a practiced skill or possibly something as simple as the ability to lick your elbow.

Video – Ty Weaver – “Humble Confidence”: pass out the copies of the handout for this lesson and encourage learners to fill in the blanks in the handout as they watch the video.

Learner Handouts – Teacher's Guide: the corresponding blanks are highlighted

1. Timothy was both able to receive and flourish in his God-given gift because of his **sincere faith**.
2. We are not qualified by **our work**, but by **Jesus' work on the cross**.
3. Our **confidence** is built entirely on who Jesus is.
4. Every Jesus-Follower is **called to the ministry**.
5. God gives good gifts to **those who seek and ask**.

Video Follow-Up Questions: encourage every member of your group to pitch in an answer as you walk through these questions together.

Question #1 - What does it mean to be humbly confident? Is it possible to be both humble and yet confident? What does that look like?

Question #2 - God's gifts are beyond what we are capable of on our own. It could be said that all of our abilities are gifts from God, but what we are talking about today is a gift beyond our nature and capabilities. Do you have a God-given gift? If you have received such a gift, you already know what it is. If not, how do you receive these God-given gifts?

Question #3 - As Jesus-Followers, we all have received the gift of salvation. This is the richest God-given gift of all. So whether we are talking about a particular gift, or our salvation, the question now is: how can we grow our God-given gifts?

Going Deeper: now read **2 Corinthians 12:9-12** together. Use your previous study of the passage to inform this portion of the conversation.

Final Question: What does it mean to be weak, and yet strong in Jesus? What does this look like practically in our day-to-day life?

Prayer Emphasis: conclude the lesson with a time of prayer. You can structure this time however you feel lead. Listed below are some topics that could help guide this time of prayer.

- Pray for God to humble you and see your weakness.
- Pray for God to reveal to you the awesomeness of Jesus and the work more fully of His cross.
- Pray for God to lead your life and to give you confidence in His power to do what you could never do on your own.

Continue to the next page for the lesson handouts, questions, and video follow-ups.

LESSON HANDOUTS:

WEEK 2 STUDY “TIMOTHY: HUMBLE CONFIDENCE”

Fill in the blanks as you watch the supplemental video to today’s lesson. If you miss any answers, your group’s teacher can provide them.

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