

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

1 Timothy: Fight the Good Fight
March 20 & March 23, 2025
Pastor Matt Carter

LEADER NOTES: *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less:* Listen to ALL episodes for free on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

Spring trimester: January 13 – May 12 **Summer trimester:** June 2 – July 28 **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Secret Church - April 11, 7pm, San Pablo, \$15:** The 1825 ministry is hosting, but the event is open to EVERYONE! Join us for a one-night, 6-hour intensive Bible study led by Pastor David Platt walking us through the Gospel of Matthew (via livestream). [Click here for details and to register.](#)

Local Mission Highlight: Pastor Joby is calling all men to Stand Firm and Act Like Men. "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." *1 Corinthians 16:13-14*. Please visit the [COE22 Local Mission Website](#) to view specific serve opportunities to the men in our community to stand in the gap and lead by example, strength and wisdom.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week? ***What can you share from the action step last week?*** *How did it go? What did you learn about God? About yourself?*

Sermon Text: *1 Timothy 6:10-11*

Action Step Pray “Lord help me” to overcome whatever you need to flee from and you will simultaneously flee from sin while pursuing Jesus. Write down your “anchor verse” as you respond to one of the four action steps in 1 Tim. 6:11-12, somewhere visible like your bathroom mirror or calendar.

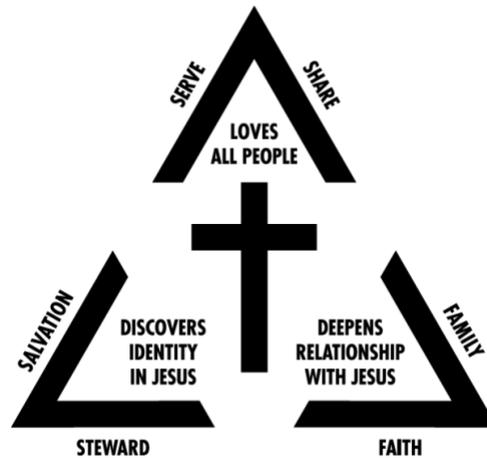
Discussion Questions

Leaders: The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. *It's ok if you don't cover every question.*

- **Read 1 Timothy 6:10-11. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** What are the four action steps that Paul gives to Timothy in 1 Tim. 6:11-12? (*Remember who you belong to (O man of God), flee from sin, pursue godly character, and fight for faith.*)
Deepen: How does the order in which Paul gives these steps help strengthen Timothy's faith and our own? (*Order matters, and everything flows from your identity in Christ. If we are fighting for faith or pursuing godly character without fleeing from sin first, that is the essence of "being double-minded and unstable in all [our ways]" (James 1:8 & 4:8) or "serving two masters" (Matthew 6:24).*)
- **Discover:** Do a bible search of the phrase "man of God" and share some of them out loud with the group. (**Leader Note:** Have your group look up verses on their own. Here are a few examples: Deuteronomy 33:1, Joshua 14:6, Psalm 90:1, Ezra 3:2, 1 Chronicles 23:14, 2 Chronicles 30:16.)
Deepen: Paul reminded Timothy of his identity as a “man of God.” How do you remind yourself of your identity in Christ and how does this truth sustain you in difficult times? (*Your identity is in Christ, not your profession, marital status, gender, hobby, etc. As a follower of Jesus, remember that "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to bring it to completion," and that you should "work out your salvation with fear and trembling."*)
- **Discover:** What is sitting on the throne of your heart and taking the place only Jesus should sit? (*Money? Power? Control? Work? Hobbies? Sex? Sin causes Christians to wander from the faith, so we should be discerning about what sin is and treat it as though it is trying to kill us. Regardless of what it is, 1 Corinthians 10:13 gives us hope that Jesus always provides a way of escape from temptation.*)
Deepen: Why is it important to flee from sin and treat it like it's going to kill you? (*Consider the four types of soil described in Matthew 13 or Luke 8:4-15 and discern the condition of the soil of your heart.*)
- **Discover:** Which godly characteristic in 1 Timothy 6:12 is the Holy Spirit working out in your life right now? (*To pursue means to move toward with urgency; characteristics listed in 1 Tim. 6 are righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness.*)
Deepen: How are you pursuing that characteristic or "moving toward it with urgency?"
- When Pastor Matt Carter shared part of his testimony, he said, "Sometimes trusting God means you don't get off the cross." What does the good fight of faith look like when facing an impossible situation? (*The Greek meaning of the word pursue is the same as flee; run with urgency in pursuit of believing/trusting God when life is difficult. Faith is the lynchpin that holds everything together when Satan attacks.*)
- What are the anchor scripture truths that you're holding onto in your fight of faith right now? (*If you don't have one, find one before you leave group.*)
- Which of the four action steps (remember who you are, flee sin, pursue godly character, fight for faith) is the Lord calling you to respond to this week? How will you respond and how can your group pray for you?

Your Discipleship Journey

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