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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 01.28.24 Pulpit Curriculum

Conviction: Building a Rock Solid Faith

Main Passage: 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Main Idea: Build your life on the Rock so that you can live with a rock solid faith.

Intro: Jesus shares a parable in Matthew 7:24-27 about two men: one who hears His words and puts them into practice (he is like one who builds his house on rock), and the other who hears but does not listen (he is like one who builds his house on sand). When the storm came, the house built on rock stood, but the house built on sand fell with a great crash. The rock of Jesus Christ has never been and never will be shaken!

- A. Have you ever faced a “storm” that threatened to shake your faith? Was your foundation on the rock, or were you tempted to find your strength elsewhere?

1. DTR With Your Bible: Define The Relationship with your Bible: 1. Not my cup of tea/unconvinced, 2. No idea, but I’m here, 3. Not sure yet/honest skepticism, 4. I’m listening, 5. Stuffed with knowledge from God’s Word but not living it out, 6. Wanting more and wanting to live it out, 7. “Give me that Book!” and actively living out the faith. We must be deliberate and determined about our relationship with the Bible, yielding to its authority in our lives, actually *living out* what we read and say we believe.

- B. Out of the 7 relationships described above, where do you fall with your Bible?

- C. What has helped you “stay the path” of authentic submission to God’s Word (discipleship, Bible study, prayer, etc.)? _____

2. Conviction: Developing a Granite Faith (v. 14) We need to have a firm belief (settled faith, full assurance, totally convinced) in God’s Word. Conviction isn’t an idea. It’s a practice. Be learners of the faith (*manthanó*) – learning from experience. Our head, heart, and hands must be surrendered and devoted to Christ.

- D. What is one Bible truth or command that you have actively lived out recently?



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3. Conviction Through Training (v. 15) We have two sources of gospel training:

- Spiritual heritage (from our childhood): In Timothy, we see godly women in his life raising him to love the Lord. Parents, we must surround our kids with gospel truth via our leadership and the church. The responsibility of parents is *gospel doctrine/teaching* and *leading by example* (1 Tim. 4:16). The responsibility of the church is to provide *godly friends* and *godly leadership*.

E. Parents, which of these 4 areas do you want to fortify in your kids' lives? _____

- Spiritual mentoring: Paul was a mentor to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:1-2). Too many Christians, to their detriment, reject spiritual mentors. Isolation is dangerous! Philippians 3:17 and 4:9 show us how bold and competent of a mentor Paul was. We should grow our faith to a place of being able to confidently say to a fellow believer, "Follow my example!"

F. How did your parents, mentors, and/or church community affect your spiritual development as you grew up? _____

G. Do you have any areas of weakness that you would benefit from having a mentor in? _____

4. The Value of Conviction: (v. 15) Conviction has many important benefits:

1. Salvation (that leads to sanctification)
2. Prime real estate to build our lives on (the solid rock)
3. Saves you from a shallow faith: 2 Tim. 3:7-8 says we should take our *head* knowledge of Scripture and get it down into the *heart!* What we learn should lead to action and change in our attitudes, motivations, and behaviors.
4. Helps us make decisions: Conviction clarifies. The Bible guides us (Hebrews 4:12).
H. Share an example of when your Biblical convictions helped clarify a decision for you. _____
5. True life: Hebrews 4:2 says that the message of the gospel does not benefit those who are not convicted by faith. True conviction drives us to the feet of Jesus.

5 Ways to Cultivate Conviction:

1. Recognize the Bible's authority: (Psalm 29:3-4) God's voice thunders!
2. Reps: Familiarity forms foundations (Deuteronomy 8:3). Man does not live on bread alone but by God's Word. We should eat spiritually as we eat physically.



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3. Relationships: Influences on your life (Romans 15:14, Hebrews 3:13). Instruct one another and encourage one another. Center your conversations around Christ.
4. Reliance: Test the Bible's faithfulness (1 Thess. 5:21) in every area of your life: your successes, your setbacks, your finances, your relationships.
5. Reaching the heart: God's Word is designed to be integrated into every part of who we are. Get the knowledge from your head down to your heart.

Tying it all together...

I. Do you have gospel *clarity* (how does one gain eternal life)? _____

J. Do you have gospel *confidence* (a full assurance and settled conviction that this truth is the one you will live by)? _____

See also John 6:37, Hebrews 7:25, and John 19:30.