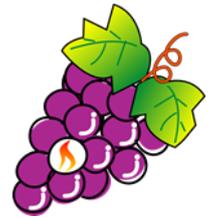




LIFE GROUP SESSION

Week Beginning: 10th July 2022



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
Are you passing on your baton or are you not willing to let go?

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Warm Up

Have you ever received a family heirloom?
What was it? What did it feel like to receive such a precious thing?

Has anyone lost or broken an heirloom?

What did it feel like, how did others respond?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

We are in a race, the race of Christian ministry, which involves many different things but mainly, sharing Jesus with others. (passing the baton)

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2: where is the baton of the Gospel passed on in this passage?
2. Spend a moment thinking of three sentences that "share the gospel". Now share them with your group. Can you come up with a composite message based on all your contributions?
3. In Christian ministry what happens if we fail to pass on our work to the next generation?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

4. How can we make sure that the message we pass on to our children/colleagues/ neighbours etc. is the right message of Jesus?
5. Sometimes it is difficult to let go of a role or job that we have done for a long time. We have served God faithfully. Why do we find it hard to pass the baton on?
6. Think of a time when someone has dropped their baton of faith or ministry. What was the response of the church community? Was it the right response?
7. We can only pass on the baton if we are in the race. How can we ensure we stay in the race?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.