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## SO THAT...



WEEK 2 | THESE THINGS

### WARM UP

Imagine you're stranded on an island and you're only allowed to bring one music album and one DVD of a movie or TV to listen and watch on the island. What would the album and movie/TV show DVD would you bring?

### WORD

Read **1 Timothy 4:6-16**

In Paul's first letter to his spiritual son, Timothy, he is endorsing, encouraging and instructing him as to how to minister to the congregation he had been called to lead in Ephesus. Timothy, a young leader, was blessed to have his mentor, Paul, write both a personal letter as well as a handbook on how he should lead the church.

### NOTES

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## 1 Faith and Good Doctrine

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*If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.*

**1 Timothy 4:6** (ESV)

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Timothy faced opposition from those who held him as a leader, inferior because of his young age. Paul was aware of this and recognised that the culture had to shift from one where young leaders felt inferior to a culture that had confidence in the empowered young leadership. Paul recognised this vacuum and addressed it in identifying that the Gospel of Christ was to be proclaimed by Timothy in words of faith based on solid doctrine.

- Have you ever felt that you were equipped for a task, but never had the opportunity to exercise that task or calling? How did you deal with this?
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## 2 Command, Teach and be an Example

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*<sup>11</sup>Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. <sup>15</sup>Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.*

**1 Timothy 4:11:12,15** (ESV)

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Actions speak louder than words, and for Paul he called the young leader, Timothy, to take command both with the teaching of doctrine and its outplaying in Timothy's life by being an example.

- Why did Paul choose “speech, conduct, love, faith and purity” as the five core leadership qualities?
  - What would our world look like if we all were walking as examples of Christ in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity?
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## PRAYER

- Pray for the five core leadership qualities that you feel you should be practicing more.
- Pray for the next generation that they will have a place and space to preach and advance the kingdom of God.