

Conversationalist Part 3 - Godly Motherhood in Ungodly Times

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER (Optional):

- Name one important life lesson your mom taught you.
- Do you notice some of the traits and habits of your mom in yourself?
 How do you think your mom's example has affected you?

BREAKING THE ICE:

What is the role of moms in the spiritual formation of their children?
 What is the role of the church in the spiritual formation of children?

GO TO THE SOURCE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:5-7; 3:10-17 (ESV)

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

A GODLY MOTHER IS CLEAR OF HER CALLING

Read 2 TIMOTHY 1:5-7 and answer the following questions:

- 1. Who set an example for Timothy on how to follow Christ when he was young (v. 5)? How did Paul describe the faith of Timothy, his mother, and his grandmother?
- 2. What do you think it means to "fan into flame the gift of God" (v.6)? What does that mean concerning our relationships with others, especially the children in our lives?
- 3. What did Paul challenge Timothy to continue in (v. 7)? Why?

A GODLY MOTHER IS CONSISTENT IN HER CALLING

Read 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17, then answer the following questions:

- 4. What practical steps might Timothy have taken to respond to Paul's challenge?
- 5. Verse 16 teaches us that all Scripture is God-breathed. What does this imply? Why is the divine inspiration of Scripture important?
- 6. Read verses 14-17 and highlight each area of the Bible's usefulness Paul mentions. What words emphasize the importance of studying Scripture?

A GODLY MOTHER IS COURAGEOUS IN HER CALLING

7. According to verses 10-17, what are some ways mothers and Christians alike can be strengthened and be courageous in this journey?

MAKE IT COUNT

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

- 8. How have you seen your view of God and Scripture passed down to your children or others within the next generation? How can we encourage our families and friends to love and serve God more fully?
- 9. In your own words, what does it mean to have "sincere faith"? Describe the elements of faith that you consider essential for the next generation of Christians to understand.

PRAYER

- Thank God for using our sincerity of faith, even amid sin and imperfection, to work in the lives of our kids.
- Ask God to give each of you the grace you need to lead your family to love and serve Him and His church.
- Thank God for our mothers and the legacy left behind for us.
- Pray that we would faithfully model for our children what it looks like to follow Christ passionately.
- For those who aren't parents, pray that we would be faithful models and mentors to the people closest to us.