Small Group Discussion Questions Sermon Date: March 17, 2024

Sermon: Prove Yourself Worthy

Passage: 1 Timothy 4:12

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Sermon Outline:

2 Habits to Garner Trust in Ministry

- 1. Prohibit Their Disdain, v. 12a
- 2. Prove Your Devotion, v. 12b

Review Questions:

- 1. Define "look down on".
- 2. How are the first command ("Let no one look down on your youthfulness") and the second command ("show yourself an example") connected? How are they distinct?
- 3. Explain the following terms as they pertain to Christian living:
 - a. speech
 - b. conduct
 - c. love
 - d. faith
 - e. purity

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you ever let others' assumptions about you hinder your ministry? Explain.
- 2. In addition to age, what are other superficial (i.e., non-spiritual) characteristics that can lead Christians to not respect other Christians?
- 3. Have you ever made a judgment call on someone's ability to minister based on your own personal views or assumptions? How did you deal with this?
- 4. Is your speech consistent in public, private, and with all people? How can you grow in godly speech?
- 5. What areas of your conduct do you need to submit to the Lord?
- 6. In what areas do you need to grow in *agape* love (e.g., one of the characteristics of 1 Corinthians 13, particular people, specific situations, etc.)?
- 7. When do you find yourself trusting God the least? How can you have a consistent faith in Him?
- 8. Are there any areas of your life that you are willingly disregarding purity of heart and action?
- 9. Are you more attracted to godliness or other characteristics in other Christians, your spouse (or potential spouse), or spiritual leaders? Explain.
- 10. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?