

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is God's Word so important?
- How can we know if a leader is teaching something besides God's Word?
- How do church leaders serve the church? How can we serve?



Paul's Letters to Church Leaders

1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-14

**MAIN POINT: PAUL ENCOURAGED CHURCH LEADERS
TO TEACH GOD'S WORD.**

Before Jesus went to heaven, He told His followers that the Holy Spirit would give them power to share the gospel. That is exactly what happened! The early church grew, spreading out in different cities as more and more people heard the gospel and trusted in Jesus. The believers met together as churches, and leaders taught them about God and about how Christians should live.

Paul wrote letters to some of the leaders in the church. Two of these leaders were Timothy and Titus. Timothy was a leader at the church in Ephesus.

Paul reminded Timothy to not let anyone look down on him because he was young. Timothy could show people how to live, how to love, and how to trust God.

Paul also taught Timothy to read the Scriptures to the believers in the church. Timothy could teach God's Word and always be ready to share the gospel.

Titus was a Gentile believer and leader. When Paul wrote to Titus, he explained why believers should live in a way that pleases God.

Paul explained that God is gracious to sinners. God gave us what we do not deserve when He provided the way for people to be saved from sin. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin and death, and we want to do what is good because He loves us. We know that one day Jesus will come again.

Christ Connection: Paul wrote to give Timothy and Titus advice and to help all church leaders know how to lead God's people. Church leaders help believers know what is true, and they serve the church by following the example of Jesus, who served us by dying on the cross for our sins.