

Lifegroup Questions - Philippians 2:19-24 It's Timmy Time

- What has been Paul's main message in Philippians 1:27 - 2:18?

Read Philippians 2:19-24

- What do these verses teach us about Paul and Timothy relationship? (See also 1 Timothy 1:2, 1 Timothy 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 2:1 and 1 Corinthians 4:17)
- Paul encourages Timothy to treat members of the church as his family (1 Timothy 5:1-2) what does this look like, in practical terms for us?
- Paul never looked down on Timothy because he was young (See 1 Timothy 4:12 and 2 Timothy 2:22), how might we encourage some of the younger generations in our church? Similarly, Paul gave Timothy lots of opportunity to serve despite his young age and inexperience, what opportunities can we create for others to serve (young or old)?
- In some ways Timothy was not the most obvious candidate to travel with Paul; he was sickly (See 1 Timothy 5:23) and timid (see 1 Corinthians 16:10 and 2 Timothy 1:7), why then do Paul choose him? What flaws of our own can get in the way of us serving God? How can we get over this? (See 1 Corinthians 1:26-30)

Read Acts 16:1-3

- What do these verses teach us about Timothy's servant heartedness? How can we develop the same attitude?
- The two main ways Paul encourages Timothy in his letters is to keep working on his own faith (See 1 Timothy 4:7, 2 Timothy 1:6, 2 Timothy 1:13 and 2 Timothy 3:14) and to keep giving his faith away (See 2 Timothy 2:14, 2 Timothy 2:25, 2 Timothy 4:2 and 1 Timothy 6:20). What does that balance look like in our lives at the moment?
- Paul tells the Philippians that Timothy will show genuine care for their welfare. What does this look like in practical terms? Theodore Roosevelt once said "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." Do you agree?
- Considering all that we have learned about Timothy, why might Paul have wanted to send him to the Philippian Church?