

# FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

## “STAND FOR THE TRUTH” 2 TIMOTHY STUDY CHAPTER 2 LIFE GROUP LESSON 2

### Big Idea

To the degree we study to know God’s truth and stand for the truth (against the lies of culture, the enemy, our past, and false teaching that try to bring deception and division) we will overcome and walk in victory.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Can you think of an example of a foolish or unnecessary debate or argument you had that gave an opportunity for negative feelings and separation in a relationship? How can the enemy use things like majoring in the minor and personal or political opinions to sow confusion or division? Why is it important to carefully consider what and how we discuss controversial issues?
2. It was brought up that we need to be clear and firm in what we believe. If we don’t stand for something, we will fall for anything. Do you have an example of how you (or someone) got swayed into believing a lie that veered you off the path you wanted to walk? How were you able to come back or help someone come back to the truth?
3. Do you have an example of the power of God’s Word in your life? How did the Holy Spirit revelation of Scripture bring freedom or victory to your life?
4. What are advantages in learning to study the Bible for yourself over just depending on others to teach the Bible for you? What steps could you take to go from just a hearer of the Word to a studier of the Word? How might this Timothy study help in that process?
5. Describe a common lie that you have been tempted to believe. How can we take a stand against negative beliefs and replace them with truth? It has been suggested that we might start laughing at lies and celebrating truths. Which of the following is a lie you might need to laugh at and with what truth you could replace it?

- I'm not able to change; I've always done this \_\_\_\_\_ so I probably always will?
- I'm just not a happy person so I can't expect to walk in joy?
- I'm too shy to speak out and evangelize or encourage somebody else?
- I'm not good at studying and probably can never be a good student of the Word?
- I don't think Christians should expect to do the kind of miracles Jesus and the apostles did?
- I've always failed when I tried to get out of debt, eat healthy, or be consistent in my quiet times and probably always will.
- My kids just don't obey and listen and it is just the way they are.

6. Take time to ask the Lord what word of truth and hope He might want to give through you to someone else in the group and then speak it to them.