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Preparing an emerging leader to overcome false teaching

Session Number: 6 | Week: 1 | Day: 6

Bible Passage

1 Timothy 4: 1-16

Introduction

In this session, 1 Timothy chapter 4: 1-16, we focus on understanding the false teachers whose faith has been shipwrecked from the household of faith. We will focus on how a mentoring leader prepares their mentee to overcome false teaching in the last days.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the principles on how a mentor prepares his mentees to overcome evil teaching in the last days.
- Listed and discussed the truths about receiving and using things in an evil world without fear of contamination.

Session Outline

- Abandoning faith
- Overcoming evil in the last days
- Truth and lies about the journey of faith

Connecting

- Gather with two or more people for a community discovery bible study session.
- Start with a heartfelt prayer, inviting God to guide and bless your understanding.
- Explore the passage by reading it at least twice, using different Bible versions if available, then retell the story together as a group.
- Reflect and share the challenges and blessings you experienced from the previous study.

Comprehending

- A good mentor prepares his/her mentee(emerging leader) about both the truths and Lies (what is false) of the journey of faith. Discuss.
- Who is a false teacher? What are the qualities of false teaching? How do you prepare the Church of the living God against false teachers and their teachings?
- What is abandoning faith? Why do good believers abandon faith in God?
- Read 1 Tim 4:1-3. Identify at least 3 qualities of a false teacher or his false teaching as revealed by the Spirit of God?
- Read 4: 4-5. What are the Truths (principles) of receiving and using everything in an evil world without fear of contamination?
- Read 4: 6- 16. List 7 things Paul advised his mentee, Timothy, on how to prepare the Church to overcome false teaching in the last days

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you have learnt as an agent of change that you would like to put into practice and teach others about.
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ.
- Use the **SPACEPETS** model, to assist you in putting God's word into practice. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person you can connect with and share the valuable insights and lessons you gained from this session.
- Reach out to a new believer—either in person or by phone—and pray with them to support them through their challenges, including any concerns about attending church.
- Create a new group and guide others through this study to help them grow in their understanding.

Audio Summary

1 Timothy 4:1-16

Context

- Paul, possibly released from his first Roman imprisonment, writes to Timothy in Ephesus to guide him in leading the church and countering false teachings.
- The passage addresses the dangers of abandoning faith and instructs Timothy on being a faithful minister.

Faithful Ministry Amid False Teaching (1 Timothy 4:1-16)

- **Warning of Apostasy:** The Spirit warns that some will abandon faith, following deceptive spirits and demonic teachings through hypocritical leaders with seared consciences, who forbid marriage and certain foods, ignoring God's good creation meant for thankful reception.
- **Timothy's Role:** As an emerging leader, Timothy must point out these errors, nourish himself on truth and good teaching, and reject myths to train in godliness, which holds eternal value unlike temporary physical training.
- **Leadership Example:** Despite his youth, Timothy must set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, not allowing others to despise his age.
- **Ministry Duties:** Devote himself to public Scripture reading, preaching, and teaching, using his prophetic gifts diligently to show progress and save himself and others.
- **Purpose:** Faithful ministers counter false teachings, train in godliness, and lead by example to preserve the church's faith and mission.

Application

- Reject false teachings, train in godliness, set a godly example regardless of age, and diligently use gifts to lead and save others.