

1. Timothy found himself in a tough environment. In fact, Paul begins his letter by “urging” Timothy to “remain at Ephesus.” (1:3) This implies that Timothy, perhaps, considered leaving Ephesus and his position in the Ephesian church. What does your environment look like on a daily basis? Is it difficult? Do you have the desire to leave? If so, is God telling you to stay? If so, why?
2. In difficult situations & environments, our tendency can be to focus on “fixing the people around us.” Why is it so important to start with ourselves? Why must we first remember WHO WE ARE, in Christ?
3. “More is CAUGHT than TAUGHT.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? If so, share an example of where you’ve seen this adage prove itself true.
4. For some, the thought that ‘I’ll never “arrive!”’ can be disappointing & frustrating, but when it comes to our walk with Christ, there’s something exciting about it. Do you agree with that? Explain.
 - a. What are some of the greatest things you’ve learned over the years as you’ve continued to “flee evil” and “pursue Jesus?”
5. When the enemy comes against you, how do you naturally “fight?” Do you react quickly? Do you take time to process what’s happening, then respond? Do you go to God immediately, or at all? If so, what does that look like?
6. Prior to v. 11-12, Paul makes this famous statement in v. 7 – “*for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.*” Yet if we’re honest, we tend to hold very tightly to our material possessions while we have a “loose grip” on our relationship with Jesus (which is eternal life – Jn. 17:3). Why? And how can we fight against that natural tendency?