

## LESSON 6c: Lesson About Christian Growth

SCRIPTURES: 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15-16; Acts 16:1-5

EMPHASIS: Our faith comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and that is through learning and understanding the Bible which is God's Word.

OBJECTIVES: By the end of the session, the students should be able to:

1. acknowledge that Timothy's family has contributed to his growth in the Christian faith as:
  - exemplified by grandmother Lois and mother Eunice,
  - consistent nurture for Timothy's spiritual growth through God's Word;
2. acknowledge that Timothy has a disciple-maker / mentor in the person of Apostle Paul:
  - realize the importance of submitting to teachers and pastors,
  - acknowledge that our Pastors and teachers are our mentors just like Apostle Paul;
3. affirm and purpose in their hearts to follow and obey the teachings from God's Word by sincerely uttering the prayers led by teachers;
4. purpose in their hearts to obey God's Word by coming to altar call;
5. recognize that the source of Apostle Paul's teachings to Timothy were from God's Word as inspired by the Holy Spirit;
6. give their affirmation that it was God's Word and through the working of the Holy Spirit that made Timothy a matured and strong Christian;
7. tell the Bible verse which described Timothy that he has a good testimony as a young Christian;
8. identify the key people in our Bible lesson who contributed to Timothy's Christian maturity;
9. give their affirmation that Timothy has also followed a statement of faith much the same as our SoF no# 6;
10. recite with willingness our creed or statement of faith no.6.

## PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

### "Me" Time

Make a scrapbook of your church family and take time to remember those people in your life who have taught you about Jesus.

## LESSON PROPER

### A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

**Review of past lessons (SoF's 1 to 6b)**

### B. INTRODUCTION

A house is only as strong as its foundation. If the foundation is on soft ground, the house will sink and settle over the years, ruining its structural integrity. Foundations are important. And the bigger the building, the bigger the foundation has to be to support the weight of the structure. When it comes to our lives with Christ, our foundation, the Bible, the word of God is absolutely essential. The more we mature, the stronger our foundation becomes.

### C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures/video, or tell the story in your own words.

#### Background

Apostle Paul traveled the world preaching and teaching to thousands of people. Paul met lots of people in his travels. One of the people he met impressed him a lot. **It was a young man named Timothy.** Timothy was much younger than Paul. But that didn't stop Apostle Paul from seeing incredible potential in Timothy. Paul took Timothy along with him on his missionary journey. They started many churches and accomplished great things over the years.

#### Who is Timothy?

1. Timothy's name means "honoring God" or "precious to God."
2. From an early age, Timothy put his faith in the Lord (Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5).
3. Timothy grew up in the town of Lystra. His father is a Gentile (Greek), and his mother is a Jewish woman named Eunice, who is a believer.
4. Timothy's grandmother was named Lois.
5. Timothy learned about the Christian faith in his family—from his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois.
6. Paul taught Timothy that although he was young, God could use him to teach the good news about Jesus Christ and to set a good example to others.

## DISCUSSION

(2 Timothy 3:15).

"From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"

He had a grandmother named Lois, and a pious mother named Eunice. When very young, they taught him from the Word of God. Happy Timothy, to stand by the side of a dear mother, and hear from her lips the great things God had done for His chosen people in every age.

Jewish children were taught by their parents at home. Timothy must have been told by his mother how God saved Noah in the ark, and Daniel in the den of lions; how David slew the giant Goliath with a sling and stone, and how Elijah was fed by ravens in a desert. These, and a hundred other beautiful stories, she told him from the sacred Book. Then, too, she taught him that the Passover was kept because the angel of God passed over the Hebrews, and slew the Egyptians; and that the lamb was offered every day in the temple as an atonement for sin. She must also have told him of the great things God had done for their nation, and that He had promised to send them a Saviour. All this instruction was very useful to Timothy when he grew up and became a preacher of the Gospel. He must often have praised God for giving him such a pious family and friends to care for him and teach him.

Timothy did not have a complete Bible, as we have, nor was his book like what we use. It was probably made of long sheets of parchment, and was rolled upon a short stick. It was not printed, for printing was not then invented, but written with a kind of steel pen. It was too large to put into a pocket and must have cost a large sum of money. A poor child in those days did not have a copy of the Scriptures which he could call his own. He could not say, "This is my own Bible."

As Timothy knew the Holy Scriptures from an early age, so it is important for young children today to know the same Holy Scriptures that they might learn of God and His way of salvation through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible is God's inspired Word which He has preserved for us and we need to know it if we are to live lives pleasing to God. The Bible should be read by children. It is not for aged persons alone. We have seen that there is much in this Holy Book *about* the young, and *for* the young; it was put there on purpose to teach them.



It is true there are some things in the Bible hard to be understood. Many years ago a pious man said, "*It (the Bible) is like a river: so deep in the middle that an elephant may swim in it, but along the shore a lamb may wade, and not be drowned.*"

You should be like the lamb. There are truths in the Scriptures which the wisest cannot fully understand; but if we have sincere and prayerful hearts, we may learn all that we need to know. If a child seeks to learn from the Bible, and asks God for His blessing, he will become wise, good, and happy.



## LIFE APPLICATION

Remember children that the Bible is God's Word. It's author is God Himself through the works of the Holy Spirit. The Bible can make children "wise unto salvation" through faith in Christ Jesus. It teaches us many things; but its *great end* is to lead to the salvation of the soul. It tells us of the love of a Saviour, of what He is, what He has done, and what He has promised to do for those who believe in Him. Jesus says that we should "search the Scriptures," for they testify of Him.

You should read the Bible too, and read it daily. It is like a treasure or gold mine, where a man may dig every day of his life, and find much gold, and yet there will be plenty left for others.

Happy will you be if you should be like a little boy who learned a verse every day, and when he grew up to be a man, that which he had learned in youth was blessed in leading him to love and serve the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember what God did to Timothy. He listened and obeyed those who taught him about God's Word.