

BE THE CHANGE: Studies in Repentance
Week 1: Be the Change
June 7th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

What valuable lessons or takeaways have you learned during this season of the Covid 19 crisis?

INTRODUCTION

This week we begin a new series entitled ***BE THE CHANGE: Studies in Repentance***. The Apostle Paul shares these words to his protégé Timothy...*"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times."* We are going to look at how we are called to carry on the cause of the Gospel even in a world that seems at times to be falling a part at the seams.

Our opening study is the title of the series ***Be the Change***. Our narrative comes from Paul's words to Timothy in 2Timothy 4:1-5. Consider what Paul is urging us to do as followers of Jesus Christ.

Bible Storytelling: 2Timothy 4:1-5

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at 2 Timothy 4:1-5 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **What is Paul urging us to do as followers of Jesus Christ?**
- **How does he predict other people may respond?**
- **What do you think it means to “keep a clear mind in every situation?”**
- **Can you share about a time you may not have kept a “clear mind?”**
- **What was that like for you? What was that like for the people around you? How might you respond differently next time?**
- **According to 2 Timothy 4:5, what should be our occupation, our “work?”**
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.