

ALLEY LG – Oct 24th/25th

Bible Story: Timothy of Lystra, Can You Please Lead Now (Timothy as a young leader) •
1 Timothy 4:12

Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now.

Memory Verse: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live.” *1 Timothy 4:12a, NIV*

Life App: Individuality—discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

SFX: *Play upbeat music as kids enter.*

Worship:

Jesus Freak

Get Down Remix

God of Angel Armies

Opener

HOST: “Hey, everybody! So good to see you. Look at this crew! Let’s take a look at the pictures we took of you guys last week...

Slideshow of pictures from last week. (See Jenny K for pictures. Just put all the pics from all services in the slideshow)

What an incredible collection of 100% unique individuals!

CG: *Individuality Slide*

“All month long we’ve been talking about individuality, which is discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference. That’s how you get in focus (*hold up your phone like you’re about to take a selfie and tap the screen*) ... and see who God made you to be.

“In fact, I’m really feeling the individuality in this room right now—all of us coming together to be part of a much bigger story. You know where I’m going with this, right? Of course you do. ROOM SELFIE!

SFX: *Fun music*

Host turns so that he can take a selfie of himself with the audience.

“Yeah! That is one EPIC shot!

IN FOCUS SLIDE

“So this month we’ve been taking pictures and talking about what it means to be IN FOCUS. Focusing on ourselves and how God created us. Do you guys like to look at pictures of your self when you were

a baby? And then as you were growing up? And I don't know if the rest of you guys have ever felt this way, but when we're young, sometimes we can't wait to grow up. We think that when we're a little bit older, THEN we'll be able to do what we want and really make a difference in this world. Well, today we're going to pick up with Paul and Timothy, who we've been talking about all month. And in today's story, we'll hear about a letter Paul wrote when Timothy was just a young man trying to be a leader. Paul had some pretty encouraging words for Timothy that I think will mean a lot to you too.

TIMOTHY AS A YOUNG LEADER

STORYTELLER: "It turns out that our guy Timothy might have felt a little bit like you did about getting older. You know why? Because he was a young leader. If you were here at the beginning of this month, we talked about how Paul had asked Timothy to help lead the new church in the city of Ephesus. Even though Timothy was still a young man, Paul saw something in Timothy that made him think Timothy would be a great leader. He could see that Timothy had great potential to help others understand that Jesus had died on the cross to pay the price for our sins, so we could believe and have a relationship with God that lasts forever.

"Timothy had a really important job in front of him. And so Paul wrote a letter to encourage him. We can read it in our Bibles today. It's called 1 Timothy. (*Hold up Bible.*) From the letter, it sounds like Timothy must have been struggling with his ability to lead the church. Maybe he was nervous because he was young and didn't have a lot of experience. But listen to what Paul told him in his letter.

(Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 4:12 and read.) "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure." (*NIV*)

Take a look at this video that explains shows us how to put this verse into action...

252 Movie Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Those are all things you can do right now. Those are all ways you can make a difference right where you are.

"Listen again to what Paul said to Timothy. (*Open the Bible to 1 Timothy 4:12a and read.*) 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live.' (*NIV*) And the thing we want to remember today is that you can do all of that right now!

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "You can make a difference right now. God made you as a totally unique individual. And He can use your individuality to make a difference for the people around you. Let's pray and ask Him for some help with that."

Pray

STORYTELLER: "God, sometimes we think that we can't make a difference right now—maybe

because we're not old enough, or we don't know enough, or we aren't sure what other people will think of us. Thanks for this great reminder of what Paul told Timothy—that whether we're younger or older, we can be an example to people with what we say and what we do. Help us to make choices every day to make a difference for others. We ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.