

## CITY LG – February 22 - 23, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Right Now (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can make a difference right now.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 (NirV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

### WORSHIP

One in a Million

All of Me

**SLIDE:** Theme

Hi, friends! It's great to see you. I'm so excited to talk some more about how God MADE us. Every day, we can discover more and more about who God made us to be! I don't know about you, but I feel like this month has just flown by! All month long we have been talking about how God has created us all with unique gifts. And today we are going to talk about how we can use those gifts to make a difference.

Before we get into it today, I've got a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **Who is Someone who has made a difference in your life?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leaders should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.*

Now, who's ready for another awesome Bible Story? Today we're looking at a letter known as 1 Timothy. (*Hold up Bible.*) It's one of 21 letters in the New Testament in the Bible. The leaders of the early church wanted to teach Jesus-followers what was true, and they often wrote letters to do that. While most letters were addressed to churches, a few were written to just one person . . . like this one. It's a letter written by Paul to his young friend Timothy.

Let's look at Timothy's story in the Story Lab...

**VIDEO:** Bible story 10:28

We can see from Timothy's story how God can help us to grow in our faith. God can guide us as we choose what we say and do. And as we follow Jesus, we can love God and love others the way God created us to do.

Those are the things Paul reminded Timothy to do. And they're good reminders for us too. We can set an example of faith for the people around us. And we can make a difference in the world around us—not just someday, but right now! Stand up for today's bottom line.

**VIDEO:** Bottom Line

**SLIDE:** Bottom Line

**You can make a difference right now.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Sometimes it's hard for us to imagine that we can really make a difference in the world. You might feel like you must wait until you're older to do that. But in Paul's letter to Timothy, we can see how God can use us to do big things—right here and right now!

Paul trusted Timothy to lead a church, which was not an easy job! And a lot of people in the church were older than him. But Paul knew God would be with Timothy. In the same way, God made us and KNOWS us. God knows that we're uniquely created to show love to the people around us.

You can set an example with the kinds of choices you make each day . . . and with the way you *treat* others the way you want to be treated. Maybe when you're outside playing with your friends, you can make a difference by cheering for everyone, not just your teammates. You can be an encourager by giving someone a kind word and letting them know you're glad to be friends. There are lots of different ways that you can show God's love. That could look a bit different for each one of us, because remember—God designed each of us uniquely!

You can ask God to help you see your gifts and talents and show you how you can use them to make a difference. In fact, let's do that right now. Let's pray.

God, thank You for Timothy's story and this time we've had together today. Thank You for making each of us unique. You are so creative! Please give each of us ideas about how we can make a difference right now. Show us how You made us and how we can love others this week. Help us to shine Your light and be an example as we show the difference You've made in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.**

**SLIDES: Offering pics 1-4 (scroll through while describing the mission)**

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Starting in 2025 we are giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberte' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money, and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can!

**SLIDE: Theme**