**Stepping Up to the Plate - Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions**

Paul knew that Timothy’s youth was going to work against him, making others question his authority and credibility. But Paul rallied behind Timothy, encouraging him to step up and be a model for everyone to follow. The way Paul supported Timothy shows us, adults, that spurring others goes a long way especially when the youth feel overwhelmed.

How can we, adults, avoid the mistake of looking down on the youth?

How can we create a safe space for the youth’s questions without compromising our authority over them as their parents?

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Timothy was emboldened by Paul’s words and answered the challenge to rise to the occasion. Faced with adversities that could have easily caused him to quit, Timothy relied on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of Paul, and pursued what God wanted him to be, an example for everyone to follow.

What does it look like for you, as a youth, to be a good example for others?

What might be hindering you from being such?

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