**Life Team Bible Study -** For the week of Sept 8

* What is your greatest or favorite possession?
* What were you taught about money growing up?
* Do you share the same ideas?

**Tonight, we are going to focus on one passage. 1 Timothy 6:3-12, 17-19**

(Leaders read and discuss the meaning of each verse, what is means for us, and how we can apply it. Leaders – you are to have an opinion on the questions too. Teaching moments after they have a chance to discuss it.)

**1 Timothy 6:3-6**

* When this letter was written and like today, some see the bible as a way to getting financial rich? Why or why not? Is the bible guarantee wealth? (v. 5)
* Ever Notice how religious we get when we need things?
* What are the ingredients to great gain and true riches? Why do you think the bible says that? (v.6)

**Christianity is not about everything being great with you in life – it is about knowing everything is great with you in God**

* Have you ever been stuck in a place where you thought there has got to be more than just material possessions? What brought you to that place?

**1 Timothy 6:7-8**

* What does that passage say about our material possessions?
* What do you really desire more than anything?

**1 Timothy 6:9-10**

* How can the pursuit of wealth and possessions derail a person’s life?
* Have you ever seen this happen to someone you care for?
* How can we avoid getting caught up in materialism?

**1 Timothy 6:11-12**

* What does Paul tell Timothy are the remedies to the traps of money and possessions?

* + **Flee** (v.11) – run from the temptations

What does that mean?

* + **Pursue the kingdom** (v.11,12)

What the things we are to pursue and how can we do that?

* + **Fight** (v.12)– daily fight the urge for more

How can we fight materialism in our life?

**1 Timothy 6:17**

* What does this passage say? What is the command? (v.17)
* Who are the “rich”?
* Are you rich? Yes, we are the richest people in the world!
* Notice end of verse 17 – “God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” Is it okay to enjoy what God gives us? YES
* Should we be guilt for having things to enjoy?

**1 Timothy 6:18**

* What does this passage say? What is the command? (v.18)
* What does it mean to be generous in deed and generous in giving?
* What does it mean to invest in the eternal?
* How can we spend and use our money with eternity in mind?
* Pastor Ted calls this God’s lay away plan. We can’t take it with us, but we can send it ahead. How do we do we send it ahead?

**1 Timothy 6:19**

* What happens when we live generous lives according to v.18?

**Three Questions to ask yourself this week?**

**> Is your identity found in what you have, or don’t have? (v17)**

* Do you grade your life on what you can do – a title – a reputation
* Would I be okay if you lost all your possessions?

**> Is your security found in what you have, or don’t have? (v.17)**

* Do you grade your life on what you have or don’t have?

**> How do you use what you have for the Kingdom of God? (V.18)**

* Are you walking in trust with God in this area of your life?

Many are poor on this side of heaven and rich in Christ!

Many have stuff on this side of heaven but are bankrupt in spirit facing an eternity in Hell - it does not have to be that way - mark in the record books of eternity.