



**LINK ARMS:  
"THE WIDE WELCOME"**

**II Timothy 3:10-17**

Life Group Guide 4 of 4  
**UNITED Series**

*"I am who I am today because of the influence of others. That's why I picked the title for the message. To quote a book by Bob Tuttle, long out of print, "I feel like I am standing on giant shoulders."*

Discuss his concept. Whose shoulders are you standing on? Who do you hope is standing on your shoulders? Who mentored you in faith? Who besides your family are you mentoring in faith?

1) Start your group with the following questions.

Share your experience with or plans for vacation this year.

Talk with your group about one person who had a significant influence on your life and why and how that happened.

2) Share joys and concerns. Then lead this prayer and then pray the Lord's Prayer together.

O God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. If we turn to you and follow your Son, Jesus, you order our steps in justice and righteousness. We give you praise for your servants and saints who have influenced our lives for good. We thank you for parents, grandparents, coaches, teachers and friends who set an example for us. And we pray that we may strive to be an example for others. May our lives be faithful, true, wise and bold. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(Add the Lord's Prayer)*

3) This week's Bible text is **II Timothy 3:10-17**. Read it.

This is sometimes called "Paul's Charge to Timothy." Why?

Re-read just verses 10-11. Now rewrite the verse as if it was your statement about your life. Read it for others. Who did you write it for or have in mind?

At the end of verse 11, Paul says about his struggles and trials: *"The Lord rescued me from them all."* How has he rescued you?

Re-read verse 14. Who taught you well and truthfully?

Vs. 15-17 stress the importance of the Bible. How important is it to you and why is it important?

What are the reasons listed in vs. 16? What is the goal? (vs. 17)

4) Dr. Gardner, in his message Sunday, said:

5) Read what Paul said in **2 Timothy 1:5**

Discuss the meaning as it applies to your family of origin. Did you grow up as a person of faith? Did you have family members who were positive or negative examples of the influence of faith on daily life? Who do you want to imitate? How important is it to pass on the faith to family? To others (not family?)

6) Mary Oliver at the end of her poem, *"The Summer Day,"* says the following:

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"*

What is your answer, based on this week's Bible Passage?

7) Preview the descriptor for the new series for August:

The "Back to School" season offers an annual opportunity for a fresh start as a new school year begins. What if we could make a fresh start in our lives? When your computer gets weird, a reboot typically fixes it. You will not want to miss this new sermon series that explores how God gives us the opportunity to reboot our lives. Dr. Gardner will be teaching on four big promises from the Bible that we can be "restored, renewed, refocused, and refreshed." Join us for our "back to school" series, "REBOOT," every Sunday in the month of August.

August 5 Genesis 1: 27-31 "Restored" Dr. Michael Gardner

August 12 II Cor. 5:16-21 "Renewed" Dr. Michael Gardner

August 19 Revelation 21:1-7 "Refocused" Dr. Michael Gardner  
*(Back-to-School Sunday, one 9 am Combined Service)*

August 26 II Cor.s 3:1-6 "Refreshed" Dr. Michael Gardner

8) Announce the next Life Group or class and then close in prayer for Old Mission and the people who surround us.