

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 4/19/20

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 1:1-7 + 3:14-15

LESSON: Defend the Truth

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.

- Today we started a new series about 1 Timothy. What do you remember? Did anything specific stand out to you?
- **Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15.** Paul tells Timothy that his purpose in this letter is to help the church be the church.
 - What do you think about the church?
 - How do you see yourself as being part of the church?
 - How do you think that will change as you get older?
- Paul also tells Timothy that one of the goals of the church is to defend truth.
 - What does the world around you tell you about what "truth" is?
 - What kinds of specific things does the world tell you are true about yourself, God or the world that don't line up with God's Word?
 - What does it look like for you to defend the truth when the world is telling you lies?
- Tim talked about how we are called to be "people of love".
 - Would you say that you're a loving person? Why or why not?
 - What does it look like for you to be a person of love? Does it mean always being ok with other people's choices and actions?
 - What's the relationship between being people of love and people of truth?