



The Good Fight Fight For One True Faith

Maybe you've noticed – our culture isn't exactly keen on upholding God's word these days. That means that if we, as Jesus followers, intend to uphold our confidence in the Bible, we'll have to fight for it. Check out Eddie's message and push back against cultural opinions, ridicule and expectations in order to fight for what you believe.

Scripture:

"Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights."

2nd Timothy 2:23

Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

1st Timothy 6:12

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2nd Timothy 3:16

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

1st Timothy 1:5

Icebreaker and Intro Questions:

1. Do you tend to move TOWARD or AWAY from a fight?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

3. Have someone read 2nd Timothy 2:23 aloud, then have someone read 1st Timothy 6:12 aloud. Then give everyone a moment to compare these two verses. What do you notice? What makes a fight "good?"
4. Read 2nd Timothy 3:16 and Hebrews 4:12 together as a group. What encourages you or challenges you about these passages?
5. Eddie shared about two lenses with which we can view the Bible: a legalism lens or a liberal lens. Eddie shared, "A legalism lens ADDS expectations to the Bible — a liberal lens REMOVES expectations from the Bible." Which lens do YOU tend to lean towards? (Try to keep your discussion focused on your own behavior, rather than what you observe in others.)
6. How do you want to grow in how you engage with God's Word?
7. Read 1st Timothy 1:5 together as a group. How does this challenge you?

Additional Resources:

- Work to memorize one of the verses from your discussion or another from 1 Timothy. We've created smart phone lock screens for two verses, if you'd like to use them as a way to keep God's Word in front of you.
 - [Lock Screen 1](#)
 - [Lock Screen 2](#)
- Want to learn more about the book of 1 Timothy? Watch this video from the Bible Project that gives an illustrated overview: [1 Timothy](#).
- Everywhere Westsiders go this fall, we want to be known as people who Make It Awesome. We will choose joy, show up for worship weekly, build life-changing friendships, and live selflessly. For resources, visit www.wschurch.org/awesome.
- "[How We Got the Bible](#)" by Neil R. Lightfoot is the book Eddie mentioned in his message. If you have questions about how to get started reading and applying the Bible in your life, you can reach out to us at info@wschurch.org.

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