



Unit 32, Session 4

Letters to Church Leaders

1-2 Timothy; Titus

Story Point: Paul told church leaders to trust and obey God.

The early church grew, spreading out in different cities as more and more people heard the gospel and trusted in Jesus. The believers met together, and leaders taught them about God and about how Christians should live.

Paul wrote letters to some of the leaders in the church. Two of these leaders were Timothy and Titus.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul reminded him not to let anyone look down on him because he was young. Paul said, “Be an example of what a believer says and does.”

Being a leader in the church is not easy. Paul told Timothy that God had chosen him to lead. Paul wrote, “Do not be afraid to suffer for the Lord.”

When Paul wrote to Titus, he explained why believers should live in a way that pleases

God. Paul explained that God is gracious to sinners. God gave us what we do not deserve when He provided the way for people to be saved from sin. Because of this, we want to do what is right. We want to live in ways that please God.

Christ Connection: Paul wrote to guide Timothy and Titus and to help all church leaders know how to lead God’s people. Church leaders help believers know what is true, and they serve the church by following the example of Jesus, who served us by dying on the cross for our sins.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Draw a picture of a leader in your church. List what you have learned from him or her. Do you have any questions to ask?

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why did Paul write to Timothy and Titus?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Matthew 28:19-20 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for church leaders and others who have shared the gospel from one generation to the next.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timothy 4:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 22:26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timothy 4:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 13:7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 1:7,13-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:40 |