

The Table
Seasoned Wisdom
November 26, 2017

ICEBREAKER: What was the wisest piece of advice you ever received from an older person when you were younger? Who was the wisest person in the room at your family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas recently? When you were a kid??

MAIN POINT:

**In the Kingdom of God there is One Savior
In the Kingdom of God there is One Table**

EXPLORATION:

1. **Read I Timothy 6:3-4. How do these verses emphasize the truth that “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing”??** *(Context Clues- Paul urged Timothy to teach and protect a pure doctrine. The death, burial, resurrection of Jesus and the salvation that comes from knowing Him is of primary importance as a person ages and becomes more mature. Recognizing this strips away the allure of things that do not really matter as much.)*
2. **Read I Timothy 6:11-12. In this passage Paul exhorts Timothy to flee certain things and to fight for other things. In light of this, what do you believe is really worth fighting for? What things distract from those things the most?***(Context Clues- Paul is letting Timothy know that cheap imitations do not satisfy. He reminds him that the things that are worth having the most come at a cumulative cost. Health, retirement, a solid family, character, and wisdom are all developed through small amounts of discipline that accrue and have a cumulative result over time. Paul also knows that one bad decision can spoil years of faithful devotion and character formation.)*
3. **Read II Timothy 2:15 and II Timothy 3:16-17. As Paul sees his personal departure from this world coming near, he reminds Timothy that he has everything he needs in God’s Word to protect him and guide him. Why do you think Paul does this? How is that relevant to you today? What area of life do you feel you need practical guidance from God’s Word the most? How do you go about finding where God’s Word speaks to that?** *(Context Clues- be prepared to tell group members how to use a concordance or how to use the search function in an electronic version of the Bible like YouVersion to find various topics where they may need help.)*
4. **Read II Timothy 4:5-8. In this passage Paul looks forward to his departure from this earth. He reminds Timothy that the best is yet to come. How could we modern Christians do a better job of looking forward to eternity?**

APPLICATION:

- 1. Close your meeting by having group members share nuggets of wisdom with the group. Do a circle response technique where you go around the circle and have everyone contribute.**

(Context Clues- Don not be afraid of silence. Do not accept "what he said" or "can you come back to me". Train every member that they have something valuable to share by being incredibly patient as the leader! If the Spirit so moves go around the circle multiple times!)

- 3. How does this study relate to the Main Point of this lesson? How should a person with seasoned wisdom apply this lesson in the Kingdom of God and at the Table? :**

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- 4. Take prayer request and pray for the members of the group. Pray that RPCC will be more of a one table kind of church!!**