

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**May 2, 2021**

1. Our perspectives and our priorities change numerous times throughout our lives. Like the Apostle Paul, if we are blessed to see old age, our perspective narrows and the amount of things that become essential and important in our lives narrows to only a few. What is the person, or place, or thing that captivates your heart the most? What is it that drives and motivates you more than anything else?
2. In a few more verses in his letter to Timothy, Paul will tell his young son in the faith that godliness with contentment is a means to “great gain.” What do you think Paul means by this? During his lifetime Paul had all the education and accolades a genuine Jewish man could desire. Paul had many highs as well as lows and yet he narrows his quest for truly living to statements such as this. What do you think Paul is trying to pass on to Timothy as well as you and I?
3. Brother Rick’s sermon today, discussed “Godliness” as a choice. Something that each of us are called to and can cause to grow or stagnate. What does pursuing godliness look like in the life of a Christian?
4. Paul illustrates the Christian life as the training an athlete undergoes as they prepare for a contest. What actions or Christian disciplines should a Christian incorporate into their daily routine to promote growth in godliness?
5. Training can sometimes become too routine and the motivation tends to come and go. What types of actions can a Christian take to push through those difficult times when it feels like we are spinning our wheels? How does Hebrews 10:25 help me in this pursuit!
6. When all is said and done, we will all arrive at the same conclusion as Paul, “only one thing matters.” What a blessing to us and our loved ones if we embrace this truth now!

## NOTES: