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SESSION 3 - LASTING MEMORIES

SERIES BIG IDEA

This series will challenge us to take a big-picture view on what truly matters: our most important relationships.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Everyone leaves a legacy. The question is what type of legacy do you want to leave?

ICEBREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

Here are some ways reputation and legacy are different if you need to help the conversation along. Your reputation is who you are thought to be; your legacy is who you actually are. Your reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; your legacy is what you leave behind when you go. A reputation can be made in a moment; a legacy is built in a lifetime.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Here are some observations your group might make: It seems Paul was willing to speak up and challenge popular opinion. He did what was right when he felt like it and when he didn't feel like it. The overall feeling is that he kept going even when he felt like quitting and now he is handing off his legacy to Timothy. Paul ran the race to finish and to help others finish as well. Help the group draw out how you might run a race differently if your goal is to finish and not beat others. You might think about runners who have helped others cross the finish line. There are other stories like this from the sporting world. It might help to find one ahead of time you identify with.

LIFE APPLICATION

These are very open-ended questions designed to get your group thinking about what a life of faith and character look like in their specific context in their workplace, home, school, and neighborhood. Encourage the group to think about specifics and not generalities.

You may want to point your group to the online 3C assessment: communitychristian.org/3c. You may want to stress that this is an assessment, not a test designed to help you grow in self-awareness concerning spirituality. You may remind the group that this assessment is designed to show you your strengths as well as your growth areas and that the tool won't let you get a "perfect" score. So, relax about the result, and use it as a guide to set some goals and help yourself grow.

CHALLENGE

We want to leave a legacy of faithfulness, but we're also carrying a legacy with us – the legacy of Jesus. His legacy lives on in our lives. His faithfulness to God, to others, and to the mission are the reasons we're here today. So together, let's carry the legacy of Jesus forward in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. So this week, will you take the 3C assessment or revisit it if you've taken it before, and then look for ways to leave a legacy of character and faith in the people that matter the most?