

These questions are for the August 17, 2025 message, “Gentleness,” from the series entitled, Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 2:19-26) together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

1. In Gentleness, God calls us to be: Saved (19-20)
2. In Gentleness, God calls us to be: Sanctified to Higher Usefulness (21)
3. In Gentleness, God calls us to be: Culturally Savvy (22)
4. In Gentleness, God calls us to be: Focused on Gospel Impact (23-26)

Application

The “How & Why” of Gentleness...

1. Gentleness is different—it’s personal.
2. Gentleness conveys worth.
3. Gentleness sets the tone for relationship.
4. Gentleness invites—it doesn’t demand.
5. Gentleness represents God’s character.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. How has your specific upbringing and your life-experience shaped your sense of what Gentleness should look like?
2. According to Pastor Torrey, while the Holy Spirit may engage with those who have not yet trusted Jesus in order to draw them to God, the bearing of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit primarily occurs in the lives of Christ-followers. How should this reality impact the expectations we have of others, both inside and outside of the church?
3. 2 Timothy 2 teaches that we are to set ourselves aside for “higher” or more noble uses the Lord may have for us. To that end, we are to flee from the less noble, and pursue the more noble. As you think about where you are in your personal, spiritual growth, what are some of the “higher” or more noble purposes you would like to pursue as you grow in your relationship with Jesus? What are some of the “less noble” things that get in the way?
4. As you look around you, what are some of the ways people in your circles shut down conversations about biblically-critical issues? How might a gentle response to their efforts to end those conversations make a difference? What are some practical ways you can get and keep influence with our culture, even when others are trying to shut you down?
5. As you pray and ask God to lead you into His higher purposes, what are some areas of your life you believe He is leading you to work on? How is He prompting you to change? How can your Life Group pray for and encourage you as you seek to obey?