

### **"Don't Neglect Your Gift"**

1. Tell of a time when you neglected or under-utilized a gift because you...
  - *did not know it was given to you, or you forgot or misplaced it*
  - *did not understand how to use it*
  - *thought it was too much trouble to use*
  - *did not realize all it could be used for*
  - *did not like it*

Do you have an example of the above that you later put to fuller use? What led to the change of use?

2. Read the following pep-talks Paul gave Timothy: 1 Timothy 1:18–20; 4:11–16; and 2 Timothy 1:3–14. What do you think is Paul's main reason for writing these words? Why might Timothy have been at risk of neglecting his "gift"?

What gift of God are you most at risk of neglecting? Why?

3. Take a second look at Paul's instructions to Timothy immediately after admonishing him to not neglect his gift, 1 Timothy 4:15–16. Sloppy thinking might lead us to the conclusion that a "gift" implies effortless enjoyment of it; but, obviously Paul would not agree. What gift associated with your salvation do you have to work hardest at?

### **Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?