



Realest

Week 4: The Weekend

What we want students to learn: They are wanted and loved by the adults of Faith Promise.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: We want our students to take a next step with Faith Promise, whether it is committing to the weekend service, or start serving at a weekend service.

Scripture Focus: Timothy 4:12-14

The Main Point

The lesson tonight will be all about our weekend services and getting our students involved in the weekend. We want students to, unless committed to another church, to commit to coming to a weekend service, begin serving on the weekend, or take their current serving one step further, whatever that may look like.

INTRODUCTION

- **Do any of you all know the mission statement for Faith Promise Church?**
- **In your own words, what does that mean?**

“We exist to help *real people*, with *real problems*, find *real love*.” We, as a church, do not hide our problems, or pretend that we do not have any. We find people and tell them about the real love, which is Jesus. This can be applied to the students’ services on Wednesdays and also the weekend services.

Take a quick poll of who has attended a weekend service in the past 3 weeks. Then **ask each student, that attended, their favorite part of the experience**. Worship? The message? The different people? Serving? Why?

PRAY that your students would be encouraged by the conversations tonight to get involved with the weekend and core of Faith Promise as they attend the weekend services.

LESSON

Chose a student to read 1 Timothy 4:12-14.

- **First Paul tells Timothy what NOT to do. What does he say?**
 - *“Despise your youth”*
- **What does this mean?**
 - *It means to “think less of”. Just because you are young does not mean that you do not have something to say or something to contribute. God had put Timothy into a position of authority. He was a leader and a teacher in this church. Paul is telling him, “hey, you are young but God has put you here”. Do not be ashamed of being young and use the authority God has given you.*
- **Now, Paul tells Timothy what He SHOULD do. What does he tell?**
 - *“Be an example”*

Optional illustration: Ask one student to come up to you. Tell them that they are to follow what you do. Then tell them that you are going to teach them how to do ballet. Do some funny steps and arm movements and they must follow you. You can also choose any other activity to portray.

- **Was she/he following my example or just trying to imitate what I did? What is the difference?**
 - *There is a difference between imitating and being an example. We can always copy someone’s actions or words, but if we are an example it is not just copying, but it is who we are. There are many Christians that just copy actions that they think would be right, but when you get them alone they are different. **Jesus does not want us to “copy” an example, He wants us to “be” an example.** Paul cares about Timothy’s character.*
- **What characteristics does Paul tell Timothy to develop in order to keep people from looking down on him because of his age?**
 - *Having positive speech, having healthy conflicts, loving others fiercely, strong faith, and remaining pure.*
- **Which of these do you, personally, find the most challenging?**
- **In your own words, why do you think that the young people have been looked down upon, especially in a church setting?**
 - *Examples: Too tech involved, does not take church serious, the older generation has a preset negative mindset on students...*

At this point, assure your students that the adults at Faith Promise believe in them, just as Paul did with Timothy. Many adults are praying and speaking over the lives of the students in this ministry and they want to see growth and spiritual maturity.

LIFE APPLICATION

Take a quick poll of how many of your students serve anytime during the weekend service. This could include, among many, leading a small group with FPKids, greeting, or maybe even FPWorship. Ask a student to share how they have seen how their service on Sunday has blessed them. (If you have seen one of your students serving, maybe take a minute to brag on that student and tell them how proud you are of their service).

- **Does anyone recall the first weekend service you ever attended? Share with the group.**
- **What would you tell someone about a weekend service who doesn't attend a normally?**
- **What is your next step with Faith Promise, specifically the weekend service?**
 - *Start attending a weekend service, start serving on the weekend, stepping up to do more where you are serving, etc.*

Weekend ideas for you small group: If there is a student that doesn't attend the weekend service regularly in your group, suggest that your small group sit together to make he/she feel more welcome. You could also plan an entire small group day, starting with church in the morning followed by lunch and something fun with your group in the afternoon.

TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically for the group to feel wanted and pursued by the core Promisers and that they would follow through with the next step they have stated.

After prayer, be sure to remind them of any upcoming group serving activities or student events and THE WEEKEND!