



LOOP Leader Study Guide The Born Series - Week 4 Pastor Tim Chambers

Key idea: What will your legacy be?

Key scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:1-2;
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Discussion Questions:

1. Many of us during this time of pandemic and social distancing have been taking time to do some reflecting on our lives and what's truly important. Pastor Tim began his message with three questions we might be thinking about now, though anytime is a good time to ponder these thoughts. Discuss each question.
 - 1) **What are you building your life on? What is your foundation?** (Jesus said build on my words and your life won't collapse; build on anything else there will be a mighty crash)
 - 2) **Who are you building your life with?** (Do you have load building walls of community to go with your foundation? Do you have people who strengthen you? Are you strengthening others?)
 - 3) **What are you building your life for?** (Are you storing up treasures on Earth or in heaven?)
2. This Sunday was Palm Sunday which began a week that included Jesus' betrayal, his trial, his scourging, and ultimately his crucifixion. It was a week that defined His legacy. Christ planted the seed that would grow up to be the church. Protestant reformer Martin Luther was once asked what he would do if he knew he would die tomorrow. He said he would plant a tree. Why did he say that? What would you have answered?
3. Much of what we have has come from those who came before us -- ancestors who built something they would never really use but would benefit us, the descendants. The Apostle Paul mentored young Timothy to pass on Christ's legacy. **Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2.** Pastor Tim worries that we have a crisis in generational legacies where the right things are not being passed on. Do you agree? What is the outcome of such a failure? If you want to make your mark, Pastor Tim said we have to set the right course now. For if we do we can join with Paul in proclaiming to our descendants as he did in **2 Timothy 4:6-8.** (Read scripture)
4. Pastor Tim used baseball as a metaphor to describe legacy building. Talk and discuss each of these.
 - 1) When we step up to the plate, we take responsibility. What are some areas you've stepped up and taken responsibility or areas you might need to?
 - 2) We must learn to hit the curve ball because of the many curves life throws us. Why is it important to learn to hit curve balls?
 - 3) Run all out and touch all the bases. You can't take any shortcuts. What happens when you try to take shortcuts or don't touch all the bases.

- 4) Alert and take good coaching teammates who can see more of the field than you can. Why is it important to trust those who are trying to coach you and guide you? What happens if you choose not to listen to them?

The late baseball commissioner Bart Giamatti said “baseball is about going home and how hard it is to get there and how driven in our need” (to get there). And when we get home we have finished the race, won the prize, and done so for the benefit of others.

5. Pastor Tim recounted the story of Jonathan Edwards who as a young man in the 1700’s teamed with his wife Sarah to pastor a small church. And from these humble beginnings these two became instrumental in a revival movement known as the Great Awakening. They had 11 children grow into adulthood, children birthed and raised in the word of God. And from these efforts came lawyers and doctors and teachers, and mayors and governors and US Senators, and even a US Vice President.
6. What kind of a legacy will you leave? Will it be lasting? Eternal? Or will it be limited to tangible things like money or property or possessions? What steps do we need to take to make our legacies for God and not for the world? **Read Luke 9:51.**

Talk to your LOOP about:

- Make sure you visit our website (FreshStart.Church) for all the various ways we can be a blessing to our community during this time.
 - You’ll find a schedule of all our online streaming times.
 - There’s an I HAVE A NEED button where people can let us know of a need they have
 - There’s a button there to serve and find out what serving opportunities there are during this time.
- Volunteering at the Food Bank
 - They need 4 people each day this week to help pack emergency supplies.
 - You MUST sign up using the link below
 - <https://form.jotform.com/200797859796985>
- Also remind your LOOP that in times like this, continuing to remain faithful in giving will make the difference to what we’re able to do and how quickly. There are many ways to give digitally.
 - Our website, FreshStart.Church/Give
 - The Church Center App
 - Text to give. (text the dollar amount to 84321)
 - Venmo - email to Venmo is giving@freshstart.church
- If anyone has trouble setting up any of these ways they can email giving@freshstart.church or text ONLINEGIVING to 97000 and we’ll respond to help them set it up.
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- You can also update your contact information on the home page of our website to make sure we have the most accurate information as possible.