

be COURAGEOUS



August 12

Opening Up:

- What's been your dominate mood over the the last 7 days? Explain.
- Are you more of a thinker or a feeler? How has that impacted your work and relationships?

Reference: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Discuss:

1. What spoke to you in the sermon?
2. What action do you need to take in your life from the teaching?
3. How can the group help you with that?
4. Ravi Zacharias says, "A mood can be a dangerous state of mind, because it can crush reason under the weight of feeling. But that is precisely what I believe postmodernism best represents—a mood." Do you agree with that? Why so? How do verses 2-4 speak to that idea?
5. In verses 2-4 there are number things listed that describe qualities during the difficult times Paul has forecasted in verse 1.
 1. Which qualities speak to misdirected love?
 2. Using the words in the verses, what could be the result of a love that is misdirected?
 3. How have you seen this cause (misdirected love) and effect in real life?
6. The qualities listed in verses 2-4 could be categorized as three temptations: narcissism (to be), materialism (to have), and hedonism(to feel). How have you been tempted recently in these three areas?
7. Verse 7 talks about a condition of people who are "always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth." How have you seen that to be true in your life and in culture?
8. How do the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor change the way Christians engage with the world? (Matthew 22:37-38)
9. How can the group help you to realign your affection for God and others? Is there anyone in your life that is hard to love right now? How are you doing in your relationship with God?
10. Pray