

The logo is centered on a black background. It features a blue mountain range silhouette at the top. Below it, the word "Summit" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath "Summit" is the phrase "REACH • LEARN • LOVE • MULTIPLY" in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the central shield-like shape is a blue hexagon containing the year "2025" in black. The entire central graphic is surrounded by various geometric shapes: a blue and pink lightning bolt in the top left, a yellow triangle in the top right, a blue and white striped circle in the middle left, a yellow and blue striped circle in the middle right, a yellow triangle in the bottom right, a pink and white lightning bolt in the bottom right, a yellow and pink lightning bolt in the bottom left, a yellow triangle in the bottom left, and a pink and black striped circle in the bottom right.

Summit

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2025

Teaching with Power and Precision

Being a Good Servant of Christ Jesus

Foster Bridges, Minister of Pastoral Care





**THE STORY
OF JESUS
IN THE
GOSPEL
OF MARK**



LifeGroup
Bible Studies

**FALL 2025
SPRING 2026**

Launches September 7

21 weeks in total

**“Christ Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Mark”
Commentary is in your LifeGroup’s Logos library**

Curriculum will be posted the last week of August

**Mark overview video with Jason Snyder
available now on the teacher webpage**



Our Focus: 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Power:

- God
- Godliness
- Gifts

Precision:

- Study
- Skills
- Stewardship



1 Timothy 4:6-16

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.



Main Point 1: Power - God

- “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.” v.6
- “For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.” v.10
- Two motivations/ambitions for teaching: a Servant of Christ, hope in God our Savior.
- A Servant of Christ Jesus
 - What we are: διακονέω
- Hope in God our Savior
 - Grounds for endurance and focus



Main Point 1: Power - Godliness

- “Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.” vv. 7-9
- “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” v. 12
- The Chief aim of Paul in this passage (and in 1 Timothy)
 - The thrust of this pericope.
 - “Godliness...” mentioned 9 times: 2:10, 3:16, 4:7, 4:8, 5:4, 6:3, 6:5, 6:6, 6:11.
 - Godliness: “God-like-ness”
 - Paul gives five ways of exercising godliness in v. 12.

Main Point 1: Power - Gifts

- “Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.” v. 14
- Gifts determine service, not the other way around:
 - If you are not gifted to teach, don’t.
 - Focus on how God has gifted you and serve in that way.
 - If you desire to teach, good... pray for God to gift you for it.

Summary and Questions

- If we are focused and faithful to God, if we train ourselves for godliness, and if we ensure that we are operating out of the gifting of the Holy Spirit, we **will** teach in Power.
- Any questions on Power before moving onto our next main point?



Main Point 2: Precision - Study

- “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.” v. 6
- ἐντρεφόμενος (entrephomenos): being trained; being nourished
 - Passive, Present, Participle... implies an ongoing process of growth (nourishment)
 - “words of faith...” ”good doctrine...”
 - Levels of study: devotion, research, preparation... have a plan for all three.

Main Point 2: Precision - Skills

- "Command and teach these things." v. 11
 - Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching." v. 13
 - Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress." v. 15
- In all our communication (public or private) we have three overarching goals:
 - First, Clarity
 - Second, Concision
 - Third, Comfort

Main Point 2: Precision - Stewardship

- “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”
v 16
- Ensure you practice what you preach... and have good preaching.
- Be diligent and have endurance.
- There is eternal realities at stake!



Summary and Questions

- If we will study to become nourished by the Gospel and good teaching, if we will seek to hone our skills and become effective communicators, and if we will steward our lives and teach and persist in this, then we will be Precise (and also have God's power!).
- Any questions on Precision before moving on?



Further Reading:

- Exegetical Fallacies: Second Edition, by D.A. Carson
- Speaking with Bold Assurance, Decker and York
- How to Talk so People will Listen, Steve Brown
- Biblical Preaching, by Haddon Robinson



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DIVISIONAL BREAKOUTS

A1: Atrium ▪ Peyton Coker

A2: Rooms A101-A109 ▪ Dietrich Blakes

A3: The Commons ▪ Mark Matthews

A4: The Commons ▪ Jonathan Adkins

A5: West Wing ▪ Alan Moore

Open: Connection Room ▪ Matt Mullins

Young Singles: Worship Entrance B ▪ Peyton Coker

Single Adults: Sports & Fitness Center ▪ Brandon McFarland