

Title: Living Unashamed: Embracing Your Call, God's Plans, and Your Influence

Ice Breaker (for entire group):

Go around the room and share a funny story of a time when you introduced a brand new food item to someone you cared about. Maybe it was someone's first time eating curry, or using chopsticks, or Chicago style pizza, etc.,

Centering Prayer:

Take a quiet moment to center your soul on God's presence. Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and prayerfully listen as one member reads the following Scripture, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, slowly three times. Afterward, lead in an opening prayer for the group time.

2 Timothy 1:8-10

"For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus."

Recap of Sermon:

We've heard Josh's journey of learning to live unashamed and discovered three steps from Paul's teachings in 2 Timothy to guide us: Embrace Your Call, Embrace God's Plans, and Embrace Your Influence.

Today:

How to practically apply these steps in our lives and have unashamed faith.

Scripture:

2 Timothy 1:8-18

Point 1: Embrace Your Call

Discussion Questions:

- Share a moment when you first embraced your faith. What made you believe that Jesus could bring hope to your broken world?
- How do societal expectations and perceptions make it challenging to live unashamed of the gospel?
- Reflect on the statement, "He saved us and called us." How does this truth counteract feelings of shame?

Point 2: Embrace God's Plans

Discussion Questions:

- Discuss instances in your life when God's plans didn't align with your expectations. How did you respond?
- How can we shift our perspective to see hardships and challenges as opportunities to be unashamed witnesses for Christ?

- Share personal experiences or examples of God turning difficult situations into opportunities for eternal impact.

Point 3: Embrace Your Influence

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever hesitated to share your faith due to fear of societal judgment or rejection? How did you overcome it?
- Discuss the significance of being unashamed in the face of betrayals and faithfulness, as mentioned in the passage.
- How can you leverage your influence within your community or church to lead others boldly in their faith?

End (Prayer time):

Gather into smaller groups and share specific areas in your life where you need boldness to live unashamed. Pray for one another, asking the Holy Spirit for courage and a spirit of boldness in embracing your call, God's plans, and your influence for His glory.