

KEY IDEAS & KEY VERSE

- 1. Listening to and believing lies leads to a cauterized conscience.
- 2. Thinking biblically is investing in training that is not just for temporal gain but rather for an eternal impact.
- 3. Training in godliness is not just for personal gain but for everyone in your covenant community.

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. 1 Timothy 4:7b-8

- Reflect on your perception of the current state of the church here in America, and then share why you think some fall away from being connected to their church family.
- Why do you think it is so important for your women's ministry to be Word-based to help women think biblically? What are the alternatives?
- Have you ever experienced how listening to and believing lies leads to a cauterized conscience where
 the searing creates a hardened or callous mark where we can no longer feel what is right or wrong?
 Share your story.
- Training towards godliness (devotion to God) begins by studying His Word. Describe how this training
 has both temporal and eternal gain.
- Why is it better to unpack the content of the gospel in the context of community?
- How is training in godliness not just for personal gain but for everyone in your covenant community?
- Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16 and take note of all the active faith words. Do any stand out to you?
- Share one way you can encourage others to train for the long race and be faithful to the finish. (Read Hebrews 12:1-2 & Galatians 6:9)

<u>Thinking Biblically</u>: Share one or two ways that reading chapter four and studying days one–four helps you to think biblically. (See pp. 76-78)

<u>Living Covenantally</u>: Share at least one of your personal reflections from day five and record the reflections of those from your group in your book. (See pp. 78-80)

- Characteristics of the Covenant
- Church Descriptions
- Stop—Look—Listen—Lean

Share your stewardship prayer: Thank You, God, for entrusting me with
Give me the grace to invest it for Your glory and the good of Your Church in the following ways this week:

Record your prayers for your covenant community, church leaders, and personal prayer requests on p. 79 and then pray for one another.

