How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



Finding True North

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**Programming our moral compass** 

Following our moral compass



# **Finding True North Message-based Group Lesson**

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#### **Overview**

"Let your conscience be your guide" is an old adage used to encourage us to stay on the right path. But is our conscience a reliable guide? In this week's message we will look at the all-important issue of how to develop and follow a reliable moral compass for our lives.

## **Engaging with each other**

- 1. Share about a time when you felt that you went against your "conscience." What was the outcome?
- 2. Why would you say the old adage, "Let your conscience be your guide," is good advice or not?

### **Engaging with the Bible**

1. Read 1 Timothy 1:5. The word Paul uses for conscience literally means "knowledge alongside." It came to be used of moral self-judgment. In the letters to Timothy, he talks about having a "good conscience" and a "clear conscience." What do you think each of these means?

2. Why is having a good and clear conscience important for a leader? Why is it important for you?

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-12. If you were to write a list of your trials, what would some of those be? Like Paul, would you end the list with "Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them?"

4. In what ways have you experienced or seen persecution for "living a godly life?"

#### **Engaging with our lives**

1. Of all the qualities listed in 1 Timothy 1:5, which one would be most important for you to cultivate in your life? What difficulty in your life might this help you face?

2. What are some things you can do to begin to develop a "good conscience?"

3. In what other ways do these words of Paul challenge your life?