# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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TRUTH #3
The Best Change Happens Slowly Over Time
1 Timothy 1:16
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## NOTES

*Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?*

*What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?*

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Read 1 Timothy 1:16.
3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

## MY STORY | Vulnerability

*What was the biggest break you've ever been given? (7-10 min)*

## DIGGING DEEPER | Practical Biblical Application

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (1 Timothy 1:15)*

For what do you need mercy?

In what ways can you offer mercy to children as they slowly understand what it means to live in a way that's honoring to God and others?

## GROWING TOGETHER | Spiritual Friendship

*But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:16)*

Why do children need boatloads of mercy?

Extending mercy and grace are important, but we might struggle to know when it is healthy and helpful to do so. Talk about some guiding principles to help you know when to extend mercy and when to allow natural consequences to play themselves out.

How can you be patient and still effectively discipline a child?

## MOVING OUTWARD | Faith In Action

Give someone a break this week, especially a child. Offer that person a gift of patience and compassion.

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