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## PART 5: YESTERDAY'S INVESTMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

We're all headed somewhere. Arriving at our new destinations requires change. For most of us, change creates stress. We want to make wise decisions. We want to make sure the choices we make set us up for future success. More than that, we want to make sure our choices help future generations. Half of college students who grew up in church drift away while at school. But we don't have to accept the status quo. So, how can yesterday's investments continue to pay off tomorrow?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was your transition out of your parents' home after high school smooth or difficult? What made it that way?
2. What is one thing from your past you wish you could do over?
3. What did your faith look like in your early adult years? Did you drift during that season? Was faith even on your radar? What motivated you to approach your faith the way you did back then?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. Talk about a time when you saw a young person set an example for older people. How did that young person influence you?
5. Think of the name of one person coming up behind you that you could invest in. Are you currently investing in that person? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do to demonstrate to a younger person that you are behind him or her? How can this group support you?

### MOVING FORWARD

There is no better investment you can make than in the faith of future generations. We have to find a way to tell them, "We're *behind* you. We're *with* you. We're *for* you." Yesterday's investments will pay off tomorrow if you're intentional. How can you be intentional about shaping tomorrow?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

**1 Timothy 4:12**