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## LOGAN (2017) | MENTORS | BIBLE STUDY

### Regards to Content:

This film has been rated R by the MPAA for strong brutal violence and language throughout, and for brief nudity.

### PRESS START

Get started by asking the group...

**What character in the movie, Logan, do you feel is most relatable? What about them makes them so relatable?**

### EQUIP

In the movie, Logan is placed in a situation where he has the opportunity to be what Professor Xavier was to him—a mentor, a guide, a father figure—to a young girl. In the previous X-Men movies and in Wolverine lore, we discover that Logan was a broken individual who needed help. Through Xavier's training, Logan was able to get past many of his issues and become the hero we all know today. In the movie, Logan seems reluctant to share the legacy given to him by Xavier. When it comes to dealing with Laura (X-23), he seems to be in a constant state of struggle. There is an opportunity for Logan to help someone very much like himself—someone who is lost and hurt, a broken individual who needs a mentor, a guide, and a father figure.

**Ask: Can any of you share a real life situation where someone was there for you?**

**Ask: What would you do if God brought someone into your life who was in the exact same situation that you were in?**

Many of us have been in a place where we needed someone to be a mentor, to be “Jesus with skin on,” for us. We’ve needed someone like Xavier to help us through tough situations. In the Scriptures, we see this kind of relationship between Paul and Timothy. This was a mentor/guide/father figure relationship

from which we can reap the benefits (i.e. **1st and 2nd Timothy** and the impact that relationship left in the Christian Church).

## LEVEL UP

**Acts 16:1-3** *“Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.”*

Here, we find the beginning of Paul’s and Timothy’s relationship. Some scholars have suggested that Timothy’s father was not around, which led to a stronger bond between Paul and Timothy. Paul took Timothy under his wing, so to speak, and brought him along on his journey to spread the Gospel.

Look at how this relationship has grown from Acts to years later in **1st and 2nd Timothy**.

**1 Timothy 1:2** *“To Timothy, a true son in the faith...”*

**1 Timothy 1:18** *“This charge I commit to you, son Timothy...”*

Here in these verse, we see that the bond between the two is more than a teacher-student bond, but a father-like situation. Paul really cared for Timothy and imparted a great deal into his life. What’s incredible about their relationship is that Paul later encourages Timothy to do the same thing, just like Xavier encourages Logan to pour into Laura (X-23).

**2 Timothy 2:1-2 (Tree of Life)** *Therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Messiah Yeshua. And what you have heard from me among many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be capable to teach others also.*

Once again, bringing the tone of a father, Paul encourages Timothy to impart to others. The cycle of healing and bringing truth to others should be just that—a cycle, something that is always growing and moving outward. It should never be a dead end situation.

## MOD

**Earlier in our discussion, we asked what you would do if God put someone in your life who was in a similar situation as yours. What are some ways that you can try to reach out to people who share your hardships?**

We'd like to encourage you to seek out your mentors, your guides, or your "father figures" this week. First off, honor them and let them know that you appreciate their impact on your life. In turn, we challenge you to seek those who need help just as badly as you once did. When you talk to your mentors, pay attention to how they handle people and situations so that you can learn from their example.

## PRAY

In a minute, we are going to pray for God to show us ways to give godly appreciation and honor to our individual mentors. We will also pray that God opens doors and opportunities for us to mentor and guide others who need the same kind of care that we once needed. **Before we do that though, does anyone have any needs that they could use prayer for today?**

## THE NEXT LEVEL

**Hebrews 10:24-25** *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds. And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another—and all the more so as you see the Day approaching."*

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