# **PURPOSE** (SMALL GROUP)

## **LESSON 3:** LOSSES OR LESSONS

Objective: Witnessing Training - Learning from life experiences

**TIME:** 60 minutes

**TOOLS**: Two decks of cards, a screen to show video, flat surface (Floor or table) to work.

**ICEBREAKER:** Divide the group into two teams and give each team a deck of cards. Give them (5) five minutes to build a card structure. After the first attempt, watch the "How to stack playing cards" Video-4:35 mins.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F6j4e1C4Zk

After watching the video give the team (10) minutes to build a card structure. **(Great ministry photo/video opportunity for team work/civic literacy)**

**FOCUS SCRIPTURES**: 2 Timothy:1-2, 8-10

V1-2-Impress on the group that what you have learned about walking with Jesus (from your time with City Life or other Bible teaching communities) can be your witness to others is enough to help others see the Hope you have living a life following Him. ***Connect the video with the fact that Jesus is the strong Foundation that everything else is built on, including your witness/testimony.***

Because of Christ, what some people would call losses we can show as lessons to learn from. These victories or challenges can be used if we allow God to use our story for His glory. Struggle in life is normal, but the hope we have in Jesus (The Foundation), enables us to keep building a strong life to honor Him.

V8-10-Paul highlights the Gospel, when even the disciples thought Christ's death was a major loss when the truth of His Resurrection is the victory we build on. Then he continues and makes it personal as he is in prison for preaching/witnessing about this victory that Jesus won over death and the cross. Paul sees his imprisonment, which most people would see as a loss, as victory in every situation. Paul highlights the freedom of God's Word and his dedication to give anything to bring God glory.

***That should be our purpose and goal in witnessing and life***.