Read 1 Corinthians 15:33

8. What does this passage teach us about negative influences? Why are we more inclined to be affected by them than we should be?

Read 1 Timothy 4:12

- 9. What is it about the opening sentence of this verse that makes it so striking?
- 10. Based on this passage, what is the relationship between being an example and having an influence?

Response - Practical Steps for Getting Unstuck!

- 1. What is having a greater influence in your life right now?
 - a. Culture
 - b. The people around me
 - c. The Word of God
- 2. Is there one negative influence that you can identify this week in your life? What can you do to limit its hold on you?



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Life Group Study Notes

Why is it sometimes hard to live by what we know to be right? A tug-of-war exists between knowing the right thing and doing the right thing. In this message we learn of one particular culprit that contributes to our feeling stuck, and what we can do to relieve ourselves from its grip.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

- 1. What was for you the AHA moment or thought from last week's study?
- 2. Do you feel the tension between your "thinking" self and your "emotional" self? Which for you is the easier side to manage?

- **Read 3 John** (It is only 15 verses and will help set the context for our study)
- 3. How many times does the word "truth" appear and why is this the gauge for John's comments? (Please don't say the obvious but dig a bit here)

- 4. Diotrephes is obviously a leader with power and control issues. What does this tell you about the nature of the early church?
- 5. How does John stress the need to not be influenced by the example of Diotrephes?
- 6. Demetrius is served up as a contrast to Diotrephes. What are the distinguishing differences between the two?
- 7. There were four points given in the message. What were they and take time to discuss each?
 - a. A negative _____
 - b. What touches you the _____
 - c. When we are looking for _____
 - d. To _____