



Part 14: Leaders In Gospel Community

2 Timothy 4:9-22

1. Write down key take-aways you plan to remember from our series on leadership out of 2 Timothy?

2. Fill in the blanks, Spiritual Principle – Leaders _____ in gospel _____ because it _____ us to _____.

a. Write down temptations you've faced to disengage from gospel community. _____

b. Why is it helpful to be aware of ways I'm tempted to disengage from community? _____

3. Read **2 Timothy 4:9**. Knowing that Paul is about to die – what do we learn about being a godly leader from him here? _____

a. Why must gospel community with our spouse and kids be prioritized? _____

b. Practically, how can we prioritize our families while engaging Christians outside our family in gospel community? _____

4. Read **2 Timothy 4:10; Colossians 4:14; and Philemon 1:24**. Why would what happened with Demas have been painful for Paul? _____

a. How might a "Demas" make you weary of engaging in gospel community? _____

b. Write out a prayer of *lament* that you would express if you were in Paul's shoes. Remember – *lament* starts with the pain you're feeling and progresses to God's truth. _____

c. How can what Demas did to Paul offer *encouragement* to a discouraged Christian leader?

5. Read **2 Timothy 4:11-12** along with **Acts 13:13** along with **Acts 15:36-41** (Note Mark was also called “John”). What do we learn about leadership from Paul regarding Mark? _____

a. Why is it hard to continue loving Christians who don’t follow through with commitments?

b. Why must we never give up on them? Consider **1 John 3:16**. _____

6. Read **2 Timothy 4:13-22**. Why is it uniquely painful when you’re hurting and it doesn’t appear any Christians are there for you? _____

a. Write out a prayer of *lament* that you’d express if you were “deserted” by all like Paul was.

b. How can we tell that Paul wasn’t bitter? _____

c. How are we able to get through times of Christian friends letting us down? Consider v. **17-18;22**. _____

d. How can being let down by other Christians make us more gospel centered? _____

7. What do **1 Peter 4:10** and **1 Corinthians 12:7** teach us about the importance of staying engaged in gospel community? _____

8. What is your main takeaway from this teaching? _____
