

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. Remember, you want others to do most of the talking.

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful & why?

**Talking About the Message Start Sharing & . NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.**

**Open:** Due to difficult circumstances Timothy may have shaken & discouraged. Paul was writing to Timothy to challenge him to be confident and trust in the Lord.

### Paul's encouragement to Timothy not to be ashamed:

#### 1. Unashamed Service (v6)

Paul reminds Timothy to "stir up the gift of God." What may Timothy have allowed regarding his gift?

**A.** He allowed his gift to go dormant. What is Paul convinced Timothy still has (v5)? **A.** His sincere faith. What are three things that might cause our God-given gifts to go dormant? **A.** Being hurt by people/fellow believers; being worn-out/burned-out/tired by ministry; sin.

What should we do if we have let our gifts go dormant and find ourselves going through the motions?

**A.** Cry out to the Holy Spirit and ask to be stirred-up. Also, consider a "season of rest" to become refreshed for ministry.

Why might Paul have given Timothy the encouragement of v7? **A.** Timothy may have been in fear – fear of the current circumstances; fear of suffering for the gospel. Discussion questions: Are there times when we are fearful of the current culture and world situation? Are we fearful about possible world war, the economy, the culture's hostility to Christianity, etc?

#### 2. Unashamed Suffering (v8)

What three things is Paul telling Timothy not to be ashamed of? **A.** The testimony of God, of Paul and of suffering. What does Paul call Timothy to do? **A.** To share in the suffering for the gospel.

Discussion question: Are we willing and prepared to suffer for the gospel? **A.** ??????

Important Point to Ponder: God loves us and always has a purpose in our suffering. How do we know God loves us? **A.** Christ's suffering on the cross for us. We can suffer for both our sin and our righteousness. Examine our suffering, but don't be ashamed of it.

#### 3. Unashamed Grace (v9)

If not by our own works, how does God save us? **A.** God's calling is a holy calling according to His purpose and grace (getting what we don't deserve). We each have a calling; what should we do with it?

**A.** Step into it. Be available to serve God. As Oswald Chambers says, God uses "no bodies" to show His power & grace. Are there any "no bodies" in the room? **1Cor 1:27**

#### 4. Unashamed Perseverance (13)

Perseverance is an important virtue if we to not be ashamed and serve God. What are two important things we must do with God's word? **A.** Get ahold of God's word and let God's word get ahold of us. God holds us by His Holy Spirit. **Zech 4:6**

### Important Final Points:

God placed each of us strategically in this time and in this place. **Esther 4:14** (*for a time such as this*)

We are not to live in fear and discouragement. **1Tim 1:7; Josh 1:9**

Don't be complacent or ashamed and allow our gift to become dormant. **Phil 1:19-21**

We each have been saved by God's grace for His purposes – people to love and serve. **Eph 2:8-10**

Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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2Timothy 1:1-18

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