Let's Talk

If you had to give a TED talk (20-minute topical lecture) tomorrow on any subject, what would it be? In other words, what do you feel qualified to speak on? Why is this topic important to you?

Let's Study

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12

• Paul urges Timothy to embrace suffering for the gospel. What aspects of the gospel's greatness does Paul emphasize?

Read Titus 2:1 and 2 Timothy 1:13

 In your own words, why is it necessary to teach and maintain truth and sound doctrine?

Read 2 Timothy 1:14

• What do you believe the "good deposit" is that Paul refers to? Why might it need to be guarded with the help of the Holy Spirit?

Read 2 Timothy 1:15

• After Paul's imprisonment, Christians distanced themselves from Paul. Does this seem like a normal human reaction? Why or why not?

Read 2 Timothy 1:16-18

• How does Paul describe Onesiphorus? How do you see Onesiphorus living out the gospel? Has someone been an Onesiphorus to you lately? How have you seen the gospel through them?

Let's Apply

Does the fact that others are suffering for Christ motivate you to be faithful? Why or why not? Why is it important to share our struggles with others?

Having sound doctrine is important. Would you say you have a good understanding of the essential doctrines of the Christian Faith? Is there a particular topic you would like to explore more during your personal study time? (Check out what we believe at Sanctus Church, including our Doctrinal Statement at sanctuschurch.com/statement-of-faith).

How could you be an Onesiphorus this week to someone else? Is there a way you could "refresh", encourage, or be a real help to someone? Prayerfully consider who God might be calling you to serve for this week.

Let's Pray

"Lord, thank you for your Scriptures. Your Word is trustworthy and it is the supreme authority on all matters of faith, teaching, and behaviour. Give us a deep longing, a hunger for your Word. May Your Word saturate us, encourage us, challenge us, and be the standard by which we measure our life and practices. Help each of us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of the Holy Bible. AMEN."