



# Discussion Guide

## **Let's Talk**

In one word, how would you describe your past week? (e.g., fun, intense, tough, fine, sweet, slow, illuminating, tiring, fresh, valuable, easy, rollercoaster, challenging, fruitful, long, wow, interesting, heavy, sad, chaos, amazing, priceless)

## **Let's Study**

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2

- Paul instructs Timothy to be strong. What might discourage Timothy from being strong? What are some things that may discourage us from being strong today?

Read 2 Timothy 2:3-6

- Paul outlines the internal discipline necessary for a Christian by comparing it to the lives of a soldier, an athlete and a farmer. Which example impacts you the most? Why?

Read 2 Timothy 2:7

- What does Paul encourage Timothy to intentionally take time to do, through which the Lord will provide insight?

Read 2 Timothy 2:8

- This verse briefly summarizes the gospel. What does Paul emphasize about Jesus Christ?

Read 2 Timothy 2:9-10

- According to these verses, why did imprisonment not discourage Paul? What helped him endure?



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Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13

As you read these verses, notice what word, phrase, sentence, or verse makes an "impression" on you.

David Guzik wrote, "It is a terrible thing when people who name the name of Jesus show themselves unfaithful; many have been turned off from Jesus because of the hypocrisy of those who take His name. But all the faithlessness of man doesn't disprove the faithfulness of God."

In light of all that's happening in the world today, how may this encourage you?

## ***Let's Apply***

It's so important to recognize and internalize the grace of God promised to us in 2 Timothy 2:1. In what ways has God shown grace to you and strengthened you? How can you become more aware of that grace on a daily basis?

What's something from our study of 2 Timothy thus far that has impacted you deeply (i.e., something that requires more thoughts, discussion, prayer, or practice)?

## ***Let's Pray***

Take time to pray for one another — for the ability to persevere through difficult times, and for a deeply rooted confidence in the grace that is found in Christ Jesus.