



Discussion Guide

Let's Talk

What is one thing you look forward to doing when you wake up in the morning? Thinking beyond today, what is something you're looking forward to in the near future?

Let's Study

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

- How does Paul's tone and use of language affect the way you read these verses?
- What does it mean to be ready to preach the Word "in season and out of season"? Do you think everyone is called to preach the Word?
- What attribute in 2 Timothy 4:2b is it important to be mindful of when sharing the Word of God?

Read 2 Timothy 4:3-5 and 2 Peter 1:16

- False teachers deliberately find arguments whereby a person could justify themselves for doing what they already want to do. How does the declaration in 2 Peter 1:16 give us certainty when false teaching is so prevalent in our world? How does 2 Timothy 4:5 teach us to combat the human tendency to justify our actions that conflict with Biblical teaching?

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-7

- Paul uses the metaphor "poured out as a drink offering", which refers to Jesus' blood shed for us. This metaphor implies great suffering for the cause of the gospel. Aware of his imminent death, Paul also states that he "fought the good fight", "finished the race", and "kept the faith". Which of these phrases most resonates with you?



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Read 2 Timothy 4:8

- What is the "crown of righteousness"? Who receives this crown? Are you familiar with any other heavenly crowns mentioned in the New Testament? (References: 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 1 Peter 5:4; James 1:12). The NASB translation says the crown is given to all who have "loved his appearing". What do you think this means?

Let's Apply

Share examples of times when it feels difficult to share or speak about your faith. What may you do to prepare yourself to share during these challenging situations?

Paul describes the Christian life as a "fight" and "race". When do you feel like dropping out of the race? What encourages you to push through those difficult instances?

How should the reality of eternity impact our view of aging and retirement?

How are you currently serving? Whom are you actively pouring into? With whom have you shared the good news recently? If you answered "nowhere" or "no one" to any of these prompts, ask God to direct you to a fresh opportunity.

Let's Pray

Lord, here we are, living in such difficult days. Give us the courage to carry on, to cling to the truths in Your word. Help us to continue fighting the good fight, running the race, and keeping the faith. Holy Spirit, breathe life and grace into us. Help us remember to encourage one another so that one day, we too, will obtain a "crown of righteousness". In Your precious and holy name, AMEN