



Discussion Guide

Let's Talk

Who are the Christians in your life who fill you with joy as you think of their faith?

Let's Study

Read Philippians 2:20-22 and 2 Timothy 1:1-5

- 2nd Timothy is written as Paul is coming to the end of his missionary endeavours and wishes to pass the baton on to Timothy, his "child in the faith". How would you describe the apostle Paul's opinion of and relationship with Timothy?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-7

- What does it mean to "fan into flame" one's Spiritual Gifts?
- Sometime people are afraid to use their gifts. To address that fear, what "trinity for effective ministry" does Paul say God's Spirit specifically provides.

Read 2 Timothy 1:8

- Paul was in prison when he wrote 2 Timothy, and there was no release in sight. Describe Paul's challenge to Timothy. What do you imagine Timothy felt as he read that challenge?

Read 2 Timothy 1:9-11

- Paul and Timothy are 'called' not because of their works (religious or moral) but because of God's sovereign purposes and His grace. How would you explain 'God's grace' to someone?

Read 2 Timothy 1:12

- What do you think Paul meant by "my deposit" or "what I have entrusted"?



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Let's Apply

When are you most tempted to be ashamed of the gospel or of its messengers? Why?

"We are not only to proclaim this gospel but also suffer for it." Is this something you are willing to do? In what context might you be called to do it? How does the "prison" of the current pandemic play into this? In what ways can you glorify Him in this challenging season?

2nd Timothy is a Missionary Letter. Paul's advice to Timothy, his closest colleague, is invaluable in framing our own lives as missionaries. Is there one thing that you consider "mission work" that you will commit to do before the next group meeting (eg., invite someone to Alpha)?

Let's Pray

"Lord, we pray by your Spirit you would enable us to live in bold faith. Amen."

Spend some time thanking God for the "weaknesses" (2 Corinthians 12:9) that He has permitted in His Sovereignty through COVID-19, remembering that His power is made perfect in those very weaknesses.