



Discussion Guide

Let's Talk

Have you ever been lost? What happened? What did you feel?

Let's Study

Read 2 Timothy 4:9-13.

- Paul singles out the names of some faithful and unfaithful people. What can we learn from their examples — either what to emulate or what to avoid?

Read Acts 15:37-40.

- Paul was once reluctant to serve alongside Mark. Yet in 2 Timothy 4:11, Paul asks Timothy to bring Mark to him. Why does he want Mark? What does this reveal about how their relationship evolved?

Read Acts 9:15-16.

- Look at Paul's mission from Jesus. Has his purpose changed, after 30 years have passed, now that Paul is an older man?

Read 2 Timothy 4:14-15 and Romans 12:17-19.

- What does Paul exhort Timothy regarding Alexander, the coppersmith? What important point does Paul make about vengeance in these verses?

Read 2 Timothy 4:16.

- Paul was deserted, opposed, and unsupported. How was it possible for Paul not to be bitter about his experiences? How does one leave their hurt with the Lord?

Read 2 Timothy 4:17-18.

- Discuss how the presence of the Lord sustained Paul. What is our ultimate hope (see v18)?



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Let's Apply

When others oppose you, undercut your authority, or desert you, what is your natural response? How could this natural response damage you more than the perpetrator?

If you have been betrayed and let down by people who are close to you, what are some healthy ways of responding to those experiences?

Discuss ways to strengthen your relationships with family and friends. What creative ways can you think of for those who won't see family in-person this Christmas because of the pandemic?

Let's Pray

Lord, keep us true to You. May Your Word be our guidepost, be as Psalm 119:105 says "a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." May it have the final say in our lives, in our relationships, in everything we say and do. AMEN.