



## April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017: POURED OUT

### OPENING

- Do you own or rent? What are the reasons behind that for you?
- Who has invested heavily in your life, and how did they help make you who you are today?

### DISCUSS & APPLY

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7

- How does the way Paul references Timothy in v.1 help us understand this passage?
- What are the three illustrations that Paul uses in this passage, and what point does he draw from each? In what ways are the illustrations similar, and how are they different?
- What do you think the differences are between being a “renter” vs being an “owner” at Grace Bible Church? Would you call yourself an “owner”? Why or why not?
- What are some of the “prizes” or “harvests” that could come from serving and discipling others for you? For others? For the church? For the city? For the world?
- “Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier.” What kinds of suffering might we endure by serving? What fears tend to hold you back from serving and investing in others?
- Eric talked about how we need to *both* fill and empty our cup. Do you tend to focus more on filling or emptying yours? What do you think you could do to bring greater balance?

Read Romans 12:6-8

- In what ways are our spiritual gifts part of God’s grace to *us*? And what are some ways that *our* spiritual gifts are part of God’s grace to *others*?
- Among the spiritual gifts listed in this passage (which is not comprehensive), what gift or gifts do you think you have? How have you been using them?
  - Are there areas of your life that you haven’t been using them? What do you think a change there could look like?

### FINAL APPLICATION

What is one practical way that each member of this Community Group to take the next step in emptying your cup for one another? Is God calling anyone to do so by starting their own Community Group?



## **PRAY**

Whether as a whole group or in smaller group, discuss where each person feels like their cup is empty and needs to be filled. Pray for each other, asking for God's grace and strength in those areas, so that each of us can more fully love and serve others.