

Life Group Lesson

Mission 20:21 Half-Time • Week of October 30

Introduction

This week Christ Church celebrates 30 years! Each week in preparation for the Life Group Lesson, I am grateful for the message outline prepared by our Teaching Team here at Christ Church. As most of you know, our lessons are message-based and intended to help group participants dig deeper into God's Word as well as help us better apply the message in our day-to-day lives. Today, our primary text comes from the last chapter of Paul's final letter, written from a prison cell in Rome, to Timothy, Paul's spiritual son.

Background

The apostle Paul knows the end of his life draws near. He wants the people he loves most to draw near to him. Thus, he writes: "Timothy, please come as soon as you can" (2 Timothy 4:9). When a loved one is suffering, and nearing the end, we are calling in the family: "Please come as soon as you can." We think about things that are truly important. We share our heart, words of love, and relish the final moments. Often things that have needed to be said are finally said. Memories are shared. Notice what Paul recalls to Timothy –

"... keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. As for me, my life as already been poured out as an offering to God. The times of my death is near. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful" (2 Timothy 4:5-7).

Reading the Text

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-9

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

2. What are you going to do about it?

3. How can we help you?

Reflection

What brought you to Christ Church? (Briefly share with your Life Group. Make sure everyone has an opportunity to share)

In the last thirty years, there has been a lot going on at Christ Church. Share one of your favorite memories of perhaps a worship service, ministry outreach project, or mission event.

The apostle Paul was imprisoned for his faith, and as he awaits his death, he writes these final words to Timothy. What does it mean for us to lay our lives on the line for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In Closing

As Christ Church celebrates 30 years, we are also celebrating 'Halftime' for Mission 20:21. Mission 20:21 comes from Acts 20:21, when Paul, returning to Jerusalem from his third missionary journey, called for the Ephesians elders to meet him in Miletus. Read the final words Paul shares with them –

Read Acts 20:20-38.

"I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:20-21).

Close in a time of praise and gratitude for all the Lord has done!

Close in a Time of Prayer asking:

How can I pray for my fellow Life Group participants this week?

One Year Bible Readings

October 30: Lamentations 3:1-66, Hebrews 1:1-14, Psalm 102:1-28, Proverbs 26:21-22
October 31: Lamentations 4:1-5:22, Hebrews 2:1-18, Psalm 103:1-22, Proverbs 26:23
November 1: Ezekiel 1:1-3:15, Hebrews 3:1-19, Psalm 104:1-23, Proverbs 26:24-26
November 2: Ezekiel 3:16-6:14, Hebrews 4:1-16, Psalm 104:24-35, Proverbs 26:27
November 3: Ezekiel 7:1-9:11, Hebrews 5:1-14, Psalm 105:1-15, Proverbs 26:28
November 4: Ezekiel 10:1-11:25, Hebrews 6:1-20, Psalm 105:16-36, Proverbs 27:1-2
November 5: Ezekiel 12:1-14:11, Hebrews 7:1-17, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 27:3



Text: 2 Timothy 4:2-9, Acts 20:21

Plain Truth:

Our race is a _____ legacy when we run with _____ for _____.

1. Get in the _____ and _____ the _____.
2. Get the _____ right.
3. _____ others about _____.
4. _____ out _____ as a _____ to God.

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