

Connect Group Guide: “A Lesson From Demas”



Passage: Mark 12:1-12

Sermon Link: [▶ A Lesson from Demas](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What is your favourite quote and why?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - Lydia Walker | Lyric Video | Christian Musi...](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Why do some believers become weary in their walk with God?
- What comes to mind when you hear “wordly”?

Read: 2 Timothy 4:10

- Why do you think Demas left Paul's side?
- The greek word for "world" in this passage is better translated as "this present age". What do you think it means to love our present age?

Read: 1 John 2:15-17

- How do we know when we/someone else is busy loving "the world"?
- In what way does "the world" present itself as more appealing than God?

Read: Matthew 16:24-26, Romans 8:35-37

- What makes it difficult for people to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Jesus?
- "Being a Christian does not exempt you from experiencing suffering and persecution." Why do you think people question God's love for them when they go through trials? How do we expect God to act when we face trials?
- How does knowing that nothing can separate you from God's love provide you with encouragement in times of weariness? Have you ever experienced an encouraging word from someone in times of trial?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- What generally causes you to become weary in your walk with Jesus?
- In what way is God calling you to deny yourself, to take up your cross and to follow Him?
- How have you experienced God's unconditional love in your life? How can you remind yourself and others of His love this week?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Read Hebrews 12:1-3, pray this over one another, that you will all run the race with endurance with eyes fixed on Jesus.

