

Difference Maker: Timothy April 23, 2023 2 Timothy 1:1-7 Questions for Study and Group Discussion \*\* Before you begin, please read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

- 1. What is something that God is asking you to do right now? If you are not doing it, what is stopping you?
- 2. As we will see in the life of Timothy, how has fear stopped you from stepping into what God has asked you to do?
- 3. Read 2 Timothy 1:6. Paul encourages Timothy to remember his gifts (2 Timothy 4:2-6) that he has been given by the Holy Spirit. What gifts do you believe the Holy Spirit has given you? If you do not know you can read Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, Ephesians 4:7-12.
- 4. What are other ways that you can know what gifts you have? And how are you "fanning into flame" your gifts?
- 5. Read 2 Timothy 1:7a. Paul encourages Timothy to also step out of fear. What specific fears do you have? Why do you think fear stops us from doing what God has called us to do? How do we not let fear consume us?
- 6. Read 2 Timothy 1:7b. The last thing Paul encourages Timothy to do is to rely on the Holy Spirit. What does it look like to do this?
- 7. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit gives us power? And how does that help us accomplish the purposes of God?
- 8. What does power shown in love look like? Give a real life example of someone that has shown power in love.
- 9. The Holy Spirit also gives self-discipline. What is self-discipline and why is it essential to doing what God has called you to do?
- 10. **Challenge:** Take a step in finding your spiritual gifts. This could be through prayer, through serving Brookside, or by asking a friend what they see in you.
- 11. Challenge: Share what God is calling you to do with someone else that can keep you accountable.