

GAINS | WEEK 4: READY FOR ANYTHING

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SERMON STUDY

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help guide your group discussion.

Through our series, Gains, in 2 Timothy, Paul is in a Roman prison cell, about to be executed. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he chooses to spend his final days pouring into younger leaders. In the same way Paul was helping them train for spiritual growth and maturity, we should be training for our own spiritual gains, all for the purpose of pouring into others, helping them become more like Jesus.

Read Hebrews 5:12-14. Your spiritual growth is not about you. Your spiritual training comes in the form of daily disciplines like prayer, group, Bible reading and more, so that you can become more like Jesus and help others become more like Him, too. But, you have to prepare—train—for it.

- What are you doing every day to train?
- How is your training going?
- Who's going to benefit from your training, other than yourself?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. If you want to make spiritual gains in your life, you need to keep your eyes on Jesus, be aware of your surroundings and be inspired and be inspiring.

- In what ways has your spiritual growth looked more up and down than up and to the right? How does it encourage you to know that God isn't grading your spiritual maturity, that your spiritual growth is not about performance, but transformation?
- What are you doing every day to fix your eyes on Jesus?
- When you consider that your training is about the benefit of others, in what ways could you love people instead of being fearful of or isolated from the world?

Read Matthew 4:19. Found people find people! Spiritual gains will always be about the benefit of others, primarily searching for and finding God's lost kids and loving them to Jesus.

- What is one thing you could do to find one of God's lost kids? (hint: consider inviting someone to come with you to an Easter service!)
- Who could you pour into and encourage with your spiritual gains?
- Who is someone who has inspired you in some way, that you could reach out to thank them?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week. (Subscribe at: tpcc.org/dailybiblereading)

Day One: Hebrews 5:12-14 | It's not about you.

Day Two: 2 Timothy 4:1-2 | Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Day Three: 2 Timothy 4:3-5 | Be aware of your surroundings.

Day Four: Matthew 4:19 | Fishers of men.

Day Five: 2 Timothy 4:6-8 | Be inspired and inspiring.