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## ***Not Ashamed: Receiving Ridicule***

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

***Take some time to look up and read: 2 Timothy 1:1-14***

1. What strategies and resources does Paul recommend to Timothy for standing strong in spiritual leadership and faith? (v. 7-14)

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### **Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

2. When have you or someone that you know faced ridicule as a Christian? Have you ever been shamed or felt ashamed because of your faith? Who or what comes to mind?
3. How are you handling our culture’s ridicule of the Christian faith?
4. How do we ask for and experience God’s power in difficult situations? How has God empowered you to stand strong in your faith? Why is it dangerous to operate in your own strength?
5. How do we grow in our knowledge of Christ and become convinced of God’s ability? Why is this important when facing ridicule as a Christian?
6. When facing ridicule, how should we respond? What does a “good response” look, sound, and feel like?
7. How can our future hope of Christ’s return help us when facing ridicule?

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### **Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.***

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)