

## 2 Timothy 1:8-18 Discussion Guide

### Pray

Apart from God, we can do nothing. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion. Throughout your time together, continue asking God for help.

### Read Scripture

Read 2 Timothy 1 together with special focus on 1:8-18.

### Bible Study: The HEAR Method

The bulk of your time will be spent discussing God's Word together. HEAR is an inductive Bible study method that looks closely at what the Bible says to discover what it means so that we can faithfully apply it to our lives.

HEAR stands for:

- **Highlight:** read and observe everything in the passage carefully.
- **Examine:** based on your observations, discover what the passage means in its context.
- **Apply:** determine how the meaning of the passage applies to your life.
- **Respond in prayer:** pray God's Word back to Him.

### Remember:

- Walk through the Bible study together using the HEAR method and talk about what stuck out most to you in the passage.
- Make sure you move discussion to the application section of your study.
- Affections, beliefs, and practices: Make sure to apply the passage to all your life.

### Pray

- Take time to pray for one another and ask for His grace to apply His Word to our daily lives.

### 2 Timothy 1:8-18 (ESV)

*"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

*<sup>15</sup>You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup>May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, <sup>17</sup>but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—<sup>18</sup>may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus."*

**Open:** What do you think is the most important job of the church? Why?

### Study:

- 1) In verse 8, what is Paul worried that Timothy might do? Why might Timothy do this?

- 2) Why is being ashamed of Paul so closely associated to being ashamed of the gospel? What sort of power does God offer to overcome this shame, according to verses 8? How does Paul's understanding of "the power of God" (vs. 8b) differ from that of many people today?
- 3) In verses 9 and 10 what's the biggest encouragement to Timothy to still do his job? Why is the Lord and His gospel worth suffering for?
- 4) Have a couple people explain what God has done for them in Jesus Christ. (Note: use verses 9 and 10 and have them put it in their own words.)
- 5) What was Paul's experience of being a gospel teacher? How was he able to be so positive about his experience, despite the difficult circumstances?
- 6) In verses 13 & 14 Paul gives Timothy a big command. What is the command (i.e. there's two parts)? What does Timothy need to do to keep this command? Why is this command so essential? Put Paul's big command in verses 13-14 into your own words?
- 7) How did Onesiphorus show that he was not ashamed of Paul (vs. 16-17)? In what ways was Onesiphorus' example a challenge to Timothy?

**Apply:**

- 8) How can we encourage our church leaders not to give up on the call to pass on the gospel to others?
- 9) What parts of the gospel do we especially need to guard, because they are under threat today? Where are you tempted to be ashamed of the gospel? How is Jesus worthy of suffering for?
- 10) When you became a Christian, what did you think it would be like? Did you realize that living for Jesus will mean suffering? How can you be prepared for challenges that may lie ahead?
- 11) How can you follow the example of Onesiphorus today? Where might you need help from others?

**PRAY:**

- Take time thank God for demonstrating His power in saving you.
- Take time to thank God for the ways He's committed to keeping you.
- Ask God for fresh power to be willing to suffer for the gospel.
- Ask God to keep you enthralled and amazed at the gospel of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: a variety of resources have been used for this discussion guide including: *ESV 12-Week Study Guide*, *The GoodBook 2 Timothy Study Guide with John MacArthur*, *10 Days in 2 Timothy Workbook* by Campus Outreach Birmingham, and *2 Timothy Leader Guide* written by Miles O'Neill and Erin Smith.