



## Connect Discussion Guide

11.21.21 Message | Student Ministry Team | 2 Timothy 1:1-7

### Key Scriptures:

*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,*

*To Timothy, my beloved child:*

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”*

- 2 Timothy 1:1-7

### Message Highlights:

- Each of us has the responsibility of shepherding the next generation.
- Paul writes this letter to Timothy from prison knowing it's likely his last chance to communicate with him.
- Timothy is a disciple of Paul; not just someone that would be a church participant but someone who has set their life aside for the purpose of ministry.
- There are a variety of different ways to invest in the next generation such as repenting on how we view young people, investing in marriages and families, sponsoring students to go on trips and more.

### Conversation Starter:

The student ministry team suggested that investing in the next generation can look a lot of different ways. Brainstorm with your group some creative ways you can begin (or continue) investing in the next generation.

**Discuss the Message:**

1. Everyone is passing something down; what are you passing down to the next generation?
2. Identify what has been given to us, according to Paul's words in 2 Timothy 1:6-7. How are you "fanning into flame" these gifts right now?
3. What are you doing with what has been passed down to you? Can you identify someone who has taken seriously Paul's call to "fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...?"
4. Sometimes we allow fear to cause us to miss out on sharing our faith and example with the next generation. How can we overcome this?
5. It's hard to pass down to others what you don't have; so how do we develop those things? What is it that you want to develop? Use today's passage to guide you.

**Pray:**

*Father in Heaven, thank you for embracing us as your beloved children. We are grateful for the grace, mercy and peace that you have continually shown us through your Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord. We thank you for the generations of believers who have come before us and have passed the baton of faith and the mission of your church into our lives, especially those who have invested in us personally. King Jesus, we want to continue passing that sincere faith on to those who are now watching our example. Holy Spirit, deliver us from a spirit of fear and grant us a spirit of power and love and self-control that we might confidently fan into flame the calling that you have placed on the next generation. Amen.*