



Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

Pastor Frank taught through 2 Timothy 2:8-13 in a hope-filled teaching entitled “Keep Calm and Look Ahead”. As Christians, it is good to remember that although this world is growing darker, the Gospel shines brighter. Our hope, the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, is victorious and will not disappoint! Let’s have some optimism about the future!

APPLICATION

1. Remember Christ and His resurrection! [Vs. 8]

- When the pressure of life is on, why do we tend to “forget” good things?
- How has remembering Christ and His resurrection brought a smile to your face?
- What current distraction(s) do you have that often takes your mind off of His glory?
- What methods or habits do you have in your life to bring Him to your mind regularly?

2. Suffering with a purpose...The Gospel is worth it! [Vs. 9-10]

- If suffering comes as a result of sharing the Gospel, why do we do it?
- How have you considered the eternal impact to others when you share the Gospel?
- *“God does not waste our pain.” – Pastor Frank* (Read also Genesis 50:19-21)
 - What pain/suffering have you endured because you shared the Gospel or spoke Biblical truth? Do you know of any fruit that came of that situation?
 - Are you encouraged that something glorious can come from our unjust earthly suffering? Why or why not?
- Explain the difference between being censored vs. self-censoring. As it relates to sharing truth in difficult situations, is it more likely for *you* to be censored or to self-censor?

3. Living with Him! Reigning with Him! He is faithful! [Vs. 11-13]

- Let your imagination run free with the thoughts of everlasting life, eternal joy, and reigning with the Lord. Share with the group what that looks like in your mind’s eye.
- Where has He been faithful to you despite your lack of faithfulness? Praise Him!

PRAYER

Pastor Frank apologized and asked for forgiveness for not highlighting the hope of Christ as often as he has shared ongoing darkness in this world. He also challenged us to repent of:

- ...any type of hopelessness that surrounds us when we see how dark it is in the world.
- ...anything that denies the Lord by not allowing Him access to EVERY area of our lives.

Share/confess anything that looks like these things and pray for each other. (James 5:16)

