

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

As you think about guarding the truth of the gospel in your heart and mind, what about the world and its teachings are appealing to your ears?

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Think of a difficult situation in your current life. How do you remember the greatness of your purpose, the faithfulness of your king, and / or true teaching of the gospel in the midst of that difficult situation? How will you use the truth of this week's message to spur you on in that situation?

PLANNING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

The Spiritual Growth Resources provided at the end of December will live on the bottom of the Resources page for the foreseeable future. Send your group members there for clarification and ideas.

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MEMORY VERSE:

*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.*

2 Timothy 1:12, ESV

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Help in Memorizing Scripture:

Look up the lyrics to the hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and use the chorus to help you memorize 2 Timothy 1:12.

Find the Gospel in the various stanzas of the hymn.



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

Leader Resource Guide

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Remember



SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 1:9-14

1. The **GREATNESS** of your **PURPOSE**. 1:9-12a
⁹ God **saved us** and **called us** with 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-
¹⁰ 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,
¹¹ for which I was appointed a **preacher and apostle and teacher**,
¹² For this reason I also suffer these things....
2. The **FAITHFULNESS** of your **KING**. (1:12)
¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for **I know whom I have believed** and I am convinced that **He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him**.
3. The **IMPORTANCE** of your **TEACHING**. (1:13-14)
¹³ **Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching** that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
¹⁴ **Guard, through the Holy Spirit** who dwells in us, **the treasure** which has been entrusted to *you*.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

On the theme of remember: What's one of your earliest memories?

It's cold outside! Which of these is your favorite to help keep you warm and cozy in Wisconsin winters: a warm blanket, hot chocolate, hot tea, a fireplace, traveling to Florida, cozy slippers?

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

1. Remember the gospel. We studied the gospel extensively during the Rooted in Grace series through Galatians in which Paul himself feels like he's guarding the true gospel. Revisit the gospel. What is it? What references can you remember?

Remember these gospel passages you looked in to during the Rooted series: *Galatians 1:4, Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Titus 2:11-14, Colossians 2:13-14; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5.*

2. What are some of the elements of the Gospel found in II Timothy 1:9-14?
Some phrases highlighting gospel themes from these verses are "saved us; called us; not by our works; God's purpose and grace; Jesus our Savior; death is abolished; eternal life; believe; faith and love in Jesus." Why do you think these ideas come up so often in Scripture?
3. What does it look like to guard the Gospel (2 Tim 1:12 & 14)? How are we to do that as a Christ follower? As a church member? As a pastor? What are practical steps we can take to test teaching to see that it's true and in line with the gospel?
4. Read Galatians 6:9-10 where Paul encourages the church in Galatia to not give up. Have you faced seasons where you've questioned whether it was worth it to continue doing good and pursuing God? What truths do you cling to when you grow weary and wonder if it's worth it to follow Jesus?

5. Throughout Scripture, God uses unlikely candidates to accomplish his purpose. Think of some examples of where this is true from what you've read in Scripture. Why do you think God does this?

Here are a few to get you started: Moses had a speech impediment, David was the smallest and youngest, Sarah was old and barren, Rahab was a prostitute.

6. Suppose someone applied for the Senior Pastor position at Woodlands and was described as young in years, frail in physique, retiring in disposition, who nevertheless was called by God to vocational ministry, should he be considered? This is how commentators describe Timothy. Discuss whether you would want Timothy as your pastor. What qualities biblically should be a priority? Discuss the implications of all this for the calling of Woodlands next Senior Pastor.
Encourage people and groups to begin praying for the Senior Pastor search and discovery process at Woodlands. Be watching for updates on specific things to be praying for.
7. In his words to Timothy, Paul shares that he is not ashamed of his suffering because of his trust in the faithfulness of Our Savior, Jesus. How can we be assured of Jesus' faithfulness? How has he proven himself faithful as revealed by Scripture? How has he proven himself faithful in your own life?
8. In 2 Timothy 1, Paul relies on the ability of God (faithfulness of your king) to strengthen and encourage him when suffering for the gospel hits. What do you know about who God is that can help you through tough stuff this week?
Work as a group to come up with attributes of God where people are struggling to identify them. Talk through the upcoming tough stuff this week.