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Community Group Sermon Notes

What Will Matter When You See Him? - Kevin Flannery
Series: *Guard the Gospel & Adorn the Truth: The Pastoral Epistles*

Ice Breaker

If you could go back and give your younger self one piece of advice (as Paul does with Timothy) what would you say?

Read & Reflect on the Scripture Passage – *2 Timothy 4:1-8*

As you read the passage together, consider Paul's perspective as he approaches the end of his life. What stands out to you about his priorities, his instructions to Timothy, and his confidence in Christ?

Sermon Application Discussion

1. **Living Before the King Who Is Coming – 2 Timothy 4:1–2**

Paul reminds Timothy that he lives before Christ, the righteous Judge and coming King. Pastor Kevin challenged us to change the courtroom and remember whose verdict ultimately matters.

- In what areas of your life are you most tempted to seek the approval of others rather than the approval of Christ?
- How does knowing that our Judge is also our Savior free us to obey Him out of love and gratitude rather than fear?

2. **Speaking Truth with Courage and Grace – 2 Timothy 4:2**

Paul instructs Timothy to preach the Word, whether it is welcomed or not, and to correct, rebuke, and encourage with patience and careful instruction.

- Why is it sometimes difficult to stand firm in biblical truth when others disagree or when doing so may cost us something?
- What is the difference between speaking truth with courage and patience versus speaking truth with pride or harshness?

3. **Holding to Truth When It Becomes Inconvenient – 2 Timothy 4:3–4**

Paul warns that people will seek teachers who tell them what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear. Pastor Kevin reminded us that our desires can become the editor of truth.

- How do social media, cultural influences, or even our personal preferences shape what we choose to believe or listen to?
- What biblical truth has challenged your thinking, confronted a personal desire, or required you to change your behavior?

4. **Remaining Faithful in the Assignment God Has Given Us – 2 Timothy 4:5**

Paul gives Timothy four instructions: keep your head, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.

- Which of these four instructions speaks most directly to your current season of life, and why?
- What opportunities has God placed before you—in your family, workplace, friendships, or community—to share the gospel and faithfully serve Him?

5. **Measuring Life by Faithfulness Rather Than Success – 2 Timothy 4:6–7**

As Paul approaches death, he reflects on having fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. He measures his life by faithfulness rather than achievement, recognition, or comfort.

- What are some ways our culture encourages us to measure a successful life? How do these compare with Paul's perspective?
- Pastor Kevin described ordinary acts of faithfulness—praying for a child, forgiving someone, speaking truth, serving without recognition. Which examples resonate with you and can you suggest others?

6. **Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus at the Finish Line – 2 Timothy 4:7–8**
Paul looks forward to receiving the crown of righteousness from Christ. His confidence rests not in his own flawless performance but in the grace of his Savior.

- What is the difference between living faithfully to earn Christ's acceptance and living faithfully because we already belong to Him?
- When you imagine standing before Jesus, what do you hope will characterize the life you have lived for Him?

Going Deeper

Use these questions for personal reflection during the week.

1. Examine Your Priorities: Read Matthew 6:19–21, 33. Where are you investing the greatest amount of your time, energy, and resources? What might your choices reveal about what you treasure most?
2. Welcome God's Truth: Read Psalm 139:23–24 and James 1:22–25. Is there an area of your life where you have resisted God's Word because obedience feels inconvenient or costly? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it and help you respond.
3. Run with Perseverance: Read Hebrews 12:1–3. What is weighing you down or distracting you from following Christ faithfully? What would it look like to fix your eyes more intentionally on Jesus this week?
4. Consider the Finish Line: Imagine looking back over your life from the perspective of eternity. What relationships, decisions, or acts of obedience would you wish you had prioritized? Identify one step you can take this week.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that our lives are held securely in Jesus, our Savior and coming King. Forgive us for the times we seek the approval of others, choose comfort over obedience, or allow temporary things to distract us from what matters eternally. Give us courage to stand firm in Your truth, humility to receive Your correction, and patience to share Your Word with grace and love.

Faith in Action

This week, prayerfully identify one practical way to invest in something that will matter for eternity. It might be encouraging someone who is struggling, sharing the hope of Christ with a friend, forgiving someone, serving quietly, or spending intentional time in God's Word.

Discipleship Process

LOVE GOD – Gather regularly for Sunday worship.
LOVE OTHERS – Community Groups: Week 5 of 12.
SERVE THE WORLD – Look for opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love through practical service, generosity, and sharing the gospel with others.

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