

## MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

September 27

### Need to Know

As we kick off this fall with Small Groups at Berean, here is a reminder of our focus. We want each Group to:

- Share Life** (intentionally support, care, and help each other)
- Pursue God** (engage the Bible with discussion, pray, and develop practices to be disciplined)
- Engage Mission** (Serve others and share Jesus with others)

### Message Recap

Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22. Paul's closing words reveal how deeply connected he was to various people. It also reveals that there are limits to even our most important relationships. People leave, disappoint, or can't always be there. But God will always be there. Doing life with others is important, but doing life with Jesus is critical.

### Discuss

- (1) Other than family, who has had a significant impact on you & how?
- (2) As we follow Jesus, why is it so important for us to do life together and be in relationship with others to help us follow Jesus?
- (3) Describe a time when you felt like you were alone or it was a tough time that no one really seemed to understand. And, during that time, did you experience Jesus in your life or feel distant? If so, how?
- (4) In our relationships, how could we sometimes ask things of people or expect them to do things that only Jesus can?
- (5) 2 Timothy 4:17. Describe a specific time that "the Lord stood by you and strengthened you"?

**Apply** Even though we really need others, we need Jesus more. What is a step you need to take to rely on Jesus to provide for you in a way that He only can? What could help you rely on Him in that way?

**Pray** Share prayer requests to pray for each other. Also, read Isaiah 41:10 and pray the words of this verse.