

II Timothy 4—Community Group Questions

II Tim 4:1-8, 16-18

1—Where have you seen the Lord work in your life this past week? Share a God moment that you saw God?

II Timothy is Paul's last letter we have that he wrote. Dated 65AD, written from a Roman jail. Wrote this letter while waiting execution.

Paul wrote 13 letters. 9 were to churches. 4 to individuals. (Timothy, Titus, Philemon)

Paul (First Missionary Journey—Acts 14) starts a church in Lystra (Turkey). The thought is that Timothy (grandmother Lois and mother Eunice are both believers) is converted. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Acts 16—takes Timothy with him.

Timothy—young apprentice under the Apostle Paul. “Son in the faith” Timothy becomes the pastor in Ephesus.

--This letter is a letter of encouragement to his struggling young friend. Timothy. Paul knows that his journey will not necessarily get easier. Encouragement to Timothy to step up to the plate. These are Paul's last written words. Advice that will serve us well!

In Chapter 4 we see Paul giving Timothy his final thoughts on finishing strong!

2—Read II Timothy 4:1-4. What is Paul's specific “charge” to Timothy? Why is Paul making this specific charge (see v.3)? What about these verses reminds you of our current culture? How do you see people having “itching ears” today? Where do you see false teaching in the Church today? What are some of the “myths” that people turn to today?

3—Read v.5 from the NIV and then from the ESV translations. Which one is easier to understand? Is there another translation represented in your community group? If so, read it and compare differences. What do you think it means when Paul says “fulfill your ministry” (ESV)? Every believer is supposed to have a ministry in the local church family. What is yours?

4—Read vv.6-8. What does it look like in a person's life when she/he models v.7? What do you think it will look like in your life to model v.7?

5—Read vv.16-18. In this section of Chapter 4, Paul says he has been deserted by several people. Why do you think Paul was deserted? How are we to respond when a friend deserts us?

6—Which of Sunday's points best resonates with you?

- Every believer has a calling and an assignment to fulfill.
- The battle for people's souls is worth the fight.
- Jesus can get you to the finish line.
- Keep the faith because the Lord has something in store for you.
- Abandonment is inevitable, but the Lord remains!

7--How can you apply these verses in your life this week? What is your takeaway?