Leaving a Legacy – 2 Timothy

This month, we are reading through Paul's second letter to Timothy. We will focus on one chapter of the letter each Sunday in a sermon series entitled, "Leaving a Legacy". Below are some questions and resources for you to work through as we move through the sermon series. You do not have to use every resource or answer every question; instead, use this handout to help you lean deeper into what God is saying to you in this letter.

Overview

- Read the letter in one sitting.
- Watch the Bible Project overview of the letter: https://www.bible.com/videos/25504-2-timothy
- Consider:
    - What is important to Paul as he faces impending death?
    - What do you infer about his relationship with Timothy?
    - In what is Paul's hope and joy?

Chapter 1

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Questions to consider:

1. What has Timothy been given? How does Paul challenge him to work with it?
2. What pressures might incline Timothy to be ashamed of the gospel or of Paul? What kept Paul from being ashamed? How have you or others you've known dealt with the temptation to be ashamed of the gospel?
3. What will it mean for Timothy to be faithful? What obstacles/impediments will he have to overcome?
4. What do you infer so far about Paul's relationship with Timothy? Who has been influential in your spiritual life? How have they been influential – teaching, modelling, coaching, ?

Chapter 2

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Questions to consider:

1. What do the examples of the soldier, athlete and farmer (2:3-7) reveal about the Christian life? How would these illustrations encourage Timothy to steadfastly endure suffering for the sake of the gospel? What has kept you going in times of suffering?
2. What kinds of things is Timothy called to entrust to others? Why does Paul encourage him to invest in "faithful people who will be able to teach others also?" What might this investment look like?
3. What kinds of activity do we need to be careful to avoid? Why?
4. What is your attitude toward those who oppose the gospel? How does it compare with what Paul describes in 2:24-26?

Chapter 3

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Questions to consider:

1. To what degree do you see what Paul describes in 3:1-9 in people around you? In yourself?
2. To what kind of life does Paul challenge Timothy in the difficult days he faces? What would a version of this lifestyle look like today?
3. What does Paul state about the origin and intention of Scripture? What practices do you/could you engage in that would allow it to fulfill God's purposes in your life?

Chapter 4

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Questions to consider:

1. How do Paul's words in 4:1-5 challenge your life? What would it look like for you to fight "the good fight" in the face of persecution and suffering? What would have to change?
2. How does Paul assess his life and ministry in 4:6-9? What is your reaction to his example – inspiration, intimidation, hope, discouragement, fear, something else?
3. 4:10-22 is full of personal greetings and news. What do you glean from these verses that you might be able to action in your own life?
4. What do you most want to apply to your life from 2 Timothy? What questions do you still have (write them down and ask!).

Further Resources

Below are some curated resources that might help provide further background information on 2 Timothy once you've had a chance to read through and immerse yourself in the letter.

- Manuscript printing of the letter (available from the office)
  - Use this to highlight, underline, ask questions, make notes as you read through the letter
- Eyewitness Bible Study on 2 Timothy
  - On Right Now Media with 9-minute video (https://tinyurl.com/2TimVideo) and downloadable study guide (memory verses and discussion questions, https://tinyurl.com/2TimQuestions).
- YouVersion Daily Devotional: 2 Timothy: Guard the Gospel
  - 30 devotions through the book of 2 Timothy
  - Need to download the YouVersion app (free)
  - Includes a scripture reading, devotional and reflection for each day