

# 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-2:2

TIME ALONE WITH GOD

LESSON 2

## GROUNDING YOURSELF

Before diving into your time in the Word this week, take a moment to stop and pause. And then pray this simple prayer: *Holy Spirit, help me receive your teaching today.*

## GRASPING THE SCRIPTURES

**Read 2 Timothy 1:13 - 2:2** (feel free to look up a few different translations)

-If you were to name the main themes of this passage, what would they be? What is Paul getting at? What are the main messages here he is impressing upon his disciple, Timothy?

-What do you believe the “good deposit” is that Paul refers to? Why might it need to be guarded with the help of the Holy Spirit? And why might Paul need to remind Timothy to “be strong” in the grace of Christ?

-How has this section built upon 2 Tim 1:1-12? Are there key concepts continuing here? Is the letter beginning to take a different turn here? What do you see?

-Re-read verses 15-18 and then read the following excerpt from the book The Message of 2 Timothy: Guard the Gospel (Stott, 45):

*“Paul saw the turning away of the Asian churches as more than a personal desertion; it was disavowal of his apostolic authority. It must have seemed particularly tragic, because a few years previously, during Paul’s two and a half years’ residence in Ephesus, Luke says that ‘all the residents of Asia’ heard the word of the Lord and many believed (Acts 19:10). Now, ‘all of Asia’ had turned away from him. The great awakening had been followed by a great defection. To every eye but that of faith it must have appeared just then as if the gospel were on the eve of extinction. The one bright exception appears to have been a man called Onesiphorus”.*

-How does Paul describe Onesiphorus? How do you see Onesiphorus living out the Gospel?

-Has someone been an Onesiphorus to you lately? How have you seen the Gospel through them?

## GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY

How could you be an Onesiphorus this week to someone else? Is there a way you could “refresh”, encourage, or be a real help to another? Prayerfully consider who God might be calling you serve for this week. And then go be an expression of the Gospel to their life. It could be as simple as taking someone to coffee or having them over for a meal. Or God might be calling you to something even **more sacrificial** and generous. Be creative in being Christ.

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## GLEANING INSIGHT FROM OTHERS

### **To work through with a small group**

*We encourage you to begin your time by reading through the passage aloud and closing your time in prayer with one another.*

- If you had to give a TED talk (20-minute topical lecture) tomorrow on any subject, what would it be? What do you already feel qualified to share and speak on? Why is this topic important to you?
- Share the main themes you examined and explored in the passage.
- 1:13- 14 may be seen as a call to be protective, while 2:1-2 is a call to be proactive. Why are both elements necessary in our Christian faith? Do you find yourself more naturally inclined to one or the other in your experience?
- Read 2 Tim 2:2 alongside the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. What do you see in common between these two passages? If the Gospel is the most important message this world has ever known, why does God entrust everyday people like you and me to make it known?
- Paul highlights the grace found in Christ, alongside the help of the Holy Spirit, as pivotal to Timothy's mission. Where do you see those attributes of God present in other Scriptures? How have you experienced the grace of Christ and the help of the Spirit recently in your life?
- In the "Getting Your Hands Dirty" section on the front side of this page, you were asked to be an Onesiphorus. What did that actually mean? Were you able to do it? Tell your group about the experience.
- Lastly, what's something from this week's time in 2 Timothy that has left a mark on you? (something you need to think about more, something you want to talk with someone about, something you want to put into practice, etc)

## GUIDING OTHERS

### **To work through with Family & Friends**

*The idea behind this section is to give parents a few questions they could talk through with their kids at the dinner table or while tucking them in at night. But this is not limited to parents of young children. These questions could be discussed with folks of any age.*

#### **Read 2 Timothy 1:14 (ERV)**

"This teaching is a treasure that you have been trusted with. Protect it with the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside us."

#### **Talk about it:**

1. What picture comes to mind when you think of the word treasure?
2. What is something in your life that you treasure?
3. This verse says God's teachings are like a treasure inside of us. What do you think it means to protect God's teaching?

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