



### Recommended Resources

- VIDEO: 'Read Scripture: 2 Timothy' by The Bible Project
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urlvnxCaL00>
- 'Introduction to 2 Timothy' by The Gospel Coalition
  - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/2-timothy-introduction/>
- 'Knowing Bible: 1-2 Timothy & Titus' by The Gospel Coalition
  - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-1-2-timothy-titus/>
- All the Gospel Coalition resources on 2 Timothy (*videos, sermons, articles*)
  - <https://resources.thegospelcoalition.org/library?f%5Bbook%5D%5B%5D=2+Timothy&f%5Blanguage%5D%5B%5D=english>
- All the Desiring God resources on 2 Timothy (*videos, sermons, articles*)
  - Chapter One: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-timothy/1>
  - Chapter Two: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-timothy/2>
  - Chapter Three: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-timothy/3>
  - Chapter Four: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-timothy/4>

### Pre-Series Session

- Look into Paul's relationship with Timothy (see Acts 16:1-5; Philippians 2:22; 1 Timothy 1:2,18)
  - *Note: the letters of 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians & Philemon are all introduced as being co-written by Paul & Timothy.*
- Read through the whole book of 2 Timothy together as a group
- What jumps as out as the main themes and main points?
- Watch the Bible Project video above to give you an overview of the whole book
- Pray together, asking God to speak through the upcoming sermons and LG sessions

### 1. 2 Timothy 1:1-5 - In Timothy's Corner (22<sup>nd</sup> September: Joel)

#### Main Points

- The passing on of faith is to be a key focus of our immediate families and church family.
  - From Lois (grandmother) to Eunice (mother) and now to Timothy (1:5)
  - From Timothy, to faithful to men, to many others (2:1-2)
- Timothy isn't just a project for Paul, but there is a deep sense of love in the language used (1:2-4)
- The goal of passing on faith and discipleship, isn't focused on information but on transformation.
  - "The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5)

#### Suggested Questions

- Who is your Timothy? (*someone not in your family*) Do you need to find someone to mentor/disciple?
- How can we ensure that in the process of discipleship, we stay true to loving people and not treating them as ministry projects?
- How do disciple people towards love, the aim of our discipleship charge?

### 2. 2 Timothy 1:6-14 - Fan into Flame (29<sup>th</sup> September: Andrew)

#### Main Points

- Whole flavour of the section is to not be ashamed, even though there is suffering
- Paul encourages Timothy that we have a gift to grow (1:6-7)
  - Whether Paul is talking about Holy Spirit or preaching as 'the gift' is unclear. Nevertheless the call to grow is there – in our 'gifts' and in the ultimate 'gift', our relationship with God.

- We have been saved AND called (1:9)
  - There is work to be done - we have been chosen and appointed (see John 15:16)
- There is a care that needs to be taken with our faith – we need to “follow the pattern of sound words” and “guard the good deposit” (1:13-14)

#### **Suggested Questions**

- How can we continue to ‘fan into flame’ the Spirit of God and gifts & talents we have?
- What comfort is there in these words for us to “not be ashamed” and to “share in the suffering for the gospel”?
- In this letter, there is a clear focus on the future element of salvation. How do we hold on, guarding the good deposit, and enduring “until that Day”?

### 3. 2 Timothy 2:1-7 & 3:1-9: Train for Godliness in Days of Godlessness (13<sup>th</sup> October: Andrew)

#### **Main Points**

- There are lots of distractions in ‘the last days’, including false teachers (3:1-9)
  - Warned twice to ‘avoid’ these things (2:16; 3:5, see also 2:22-26)
- Yet in this context, we are called to work hard, to train, and to follow Christ as best we can (2:1-7, 1 Timothy 4)
- And the trustworthy saying is what we hold on to: “if we are faithless, he remains faithful” (2:13)

#### **Suggested Questions**

- What sort of ‘godlessness’ do you see in our world currently? What does it look like to avoid these things?
- We are called to train and to work. How do we ensure we do this faithfully, without falling back into the law, or earning/losing our salvation because our works/non-works?
- What is the difference in 2:12-13 between denying Jesus and being faithless?

### 4. 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:5 - Let the Word Work (20<sup>th</sup> October: Andrew)

#### **Main Points**

- We have the nature of the Word (3:15-16) and the purpose of the Word (3:16-17)
- Once again, the context is doing this in a difficult time (3:13; 4:3-4)
- Throughout the whole book, there is an emphasis on preaching and teaching, on the Word, and on godly example – all of this needs to be centred on the Bible.

#### **Suggested Questions**

- According to this passage, what is the nature of the Word? What is the purpose of the Word? What other passages help fill out these definitions? (Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105; Romans 15:4)
- How do we continue to rely on God’s Word amongst so many different messages in our world?
- How do we protect and guard against deception and false teaching?

### 5. 2 Timothy 4:9-18 - The Lord is With You (27<sup>th</sup> October: Joel)

#### **Main Points**

- Big theme of the book is perseverance through suffering, so *that* the Gospel may be proclaimed
- The sufferings & struggle of Paul have been immense; see 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
- “No one came to stand by me, but all deserted me... But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me...” (4:16-17)
  - Reference to Paul’s trial in Rome, where all others left him, Jesus was there.
  - Paul’s earthly resilience is based on his eternal residence, and hope. (4:18)

#### **Suggested Questions**

- How do we ensure that when discipling people, they know the struggle & suffering that comes with following Jesus?
- How do we assure people that even in the trials & struggle, that Jesus is there with us always?
- How can we keep an eternal perspective in our lives and hold on with confidence & hope?