



WEEK 1: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Main Idea: We may face unfriendliness, resistance, and hostility when we share the good news. We have the Holy Spirit who helps us be bold and who comforts us when we get discouraged.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Besides fuel, do you know what a candle needs to continue burning? Let's do the following experiment to discover the answer.

(Alternate: Watch a video of this. Search on YouTube, "Glass and candle experiment")

Glass and Candle - Science experiment for kids!

Requirements: three candles, kitchen lighter/matchbox, a short* glass and a tall glass
(* make sure the short glass is still tall enough to cover the candle)

What to Do

Make sure an adult is present and helps with the following steps

1. Place the three candles on three different flat plates or trays on a table.
2. Light the candles.
3. Invert a glass and place over one candle. Do the same with the other glass. One candle will have no glass.
4. Watch and describe what happens.

(The flame of the candle with the short glass extinguished first. The flame of the candle with the tall glass extinguished second. The uncovered candle continues to burn.)

Why Did This Happen?

Fire creates light and heat from oxygen and fuel. A lit candle needs oxygen/air in order to continue burning. If you limit the amount of air available like we did with the help of the different sized glasses, the flame eventually goes out once it uses up all the oxygen. The candle without the glass continued to burn with the oxygen in the air. The candles burn only as long as the air/oxygen is present in the inverted glass.

So, let me ask the question again, "Besides fuel, do you know what a candle needs to continue burning?" In this experiment, we discovered that a candle needs air/oxygen to continue burning.

BIG IDEAS

1) GREETING

Our passage for this first week begins with a greeting from Paul in a letter to Timothy. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-2 out loud to your family.

Question: How did Paul describe himself?

Answer: An apostle of Jesus.

Question: How did Paul describe Timothy?

Answer: “My beloved child.”

Question: What do you think: is Timothy Paul’s child?

Answer: (Answers may vary.)

TIPS FOR PARENTS: Look at 1 Timothy 1:2a to help with this answer.

Paul described himself as an apostle of Jesus. Remember, apostle means one who is sent out to preach and teach the good news. Paul stated that he was an apostle because God wanted him to be. God sent Paul to tell people about the good news of Jesus.

Timothy was not Paul’s son. Earlier in Paul’s first letter to Timothy, Paul calls Timothy, “a true son to me in the faith we share.” In Paul’s second missionary trip to Lystra 15 years earlier. Timothy was a follower of Jesus and was well regarded in his community. It was at Paul’s second missionary trip that he recruited Timothy to join him.

2) REKINDLE THE GIFT

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-7 out loud to your family.

Question: What are some of the things Paul wrote to Timothy that shows us how strongly he loved Timothy, like a father loves his son?

Answer: (1) I thank God for you, (2) I pray for you day and night, and (3) I long to see you/when I do, I’ll be filled with joy.

Question: What did we find out with the experiment we did? What does a flame need to continue burning?

Answer: Air/Oxygen

Paul loved Timothy like a son. We know this through other letters of Paul as well as what he wrote in this letter. And as a father would to his son, Paul also gives Timothy advice. Paul told Timothy “to fan into flame the gift of God.” What did he mean by that?

Paul wanted Timothy to use the spiritual gift he was given when he became leader of the Ephesian church (1 Timothy 4:14). Timothy was facing unfriendliness, resistance, and hostility from both believers and non-believers because he was young and because of the message of the good news. Paul told him to “use his gift and let it grow more and more, like a small flame grows into a fire.” (2 Timothy 1:6, Easy to Read Version). Remember, fire also needs oxygen to burn. If you fan the flames, they get bigger!

Like Timothy, we will also face unfriendliness, resistance, and hostility when we share the good news—when we tell others about Jesus. Paul gave Timothy additional encouragement and advice and this is encouragement and advice for us as well! He said, “The Spirit God gave us does not make us afraid. His Spirit is a source of power and love and self-control” (verse 7, Easy to Read Version). Remember, the Holy Spirit lives in us when we become followers of Jesus. We can draw on the Holy Spirit’s power to be bold. He comforts us when we get discouraged and helps us to not give up being a disciple who makes disciples.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

The fruit of the Spirit is a result of the Holy Spirit living within us. This does not mean for example, a banana will grow out of our body, but it does mean that we will produce “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

- Read and discuss Galatians 5:22-23.

The body of Christ is the church which is one body with many parts. Jesus is the head of this body. God gives us all gifts to use to build up the church.

- Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 12:4-31.

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WEEK 2: 2 Timothy 1:8-18

Main Idea: We are to cling to the teachings of Jesus and not be ashamed to tell people the good news.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Besides fuel, do you know what a candle needs to continue burning? Let's do the following experiment to Read Isaiah 40:8, Psalm 119:89, and Matthew 24:35. What do all three of verses have in common?

The good news of Jesus is often argued with and criticized, as are His followers. However, God's Word endures.

BIG IDEAS

1) SHAMELESS SUFFERING

Read 2 Timothy 1:8 out loud to your family.

Question: What two things did Paul tell Timothy to not be ashamed about?

Answer: (1) Don't be ashamed to tell people about Jesus, and (2) don't be ashamed of me because I am in prison.

Question: What does the word "suffer" mean? What is "suffering"?

Answer: (Answers may vary.)

TIPS FOR PARENTS: If your child has not seen/used a thesaurus before, this is a great time to take it off the shelf and open it up! Look up "suffer" and/or "suffering" in the thesaurus (or online thesaurus) with your child to find some words that make this word "suffer" easier to understand.

Paul told Timothy to not be ashamed to tell people about Jesus. He also told Timothy to not be ashamed of Paul even though he was in prison. Paul was in prison not because he had done anything wrong, but for preaching and teaching and Jesus and God's Kingdom. Unfortunately, many of the people in the churches that Paul had helped set up, were now ashamed of any association with Paul.

Remember, when Jesus was on earth, He told His followers (that includes us) that we would be treated badly, made fun of, encounter trials and suffer because of our belief in Him. Through our Sunday lessons, we have learned that even in trials or suffering, we are still to trust and follow God even when it doesn't make sense. God will not turn His back on His followers; He does things for His glory and ultimately our good.

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-10 out loud to your family.

Question: Do you know another word for “the good news”? Do you know how to tell someone the good news?

Answer: The word “gospel” simply means “good news.” Here’s a way of explaining the Gospel:

The Bible tells us that everybody sins and that the consequence for sin is death. Yikes, this is a big deal and some bad news! But there is some Good News. The Good News is the Gospel. God could just leave us in our sins, destined to spend all of forever separated from Him, but He didn’t. God sent His Son, Jesus. God showed us mercy and gives us the gift of grace. Even though we were sinners, Jesus died for us and took the punishment for our sin.

God rescued us from sin because only He could. We did nothing to earn it, nor could we do anything to rescue ourselves. Our rescue from sin is based on Jesus’ work, not ours. We have a choice: we can accept this gift of grace or not. How do we accept the gift? By believing that Jesus is who He says He is and that He alone can save us.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

You can also explain the Gospel in many other kid-friendly ways. One way is using colors. Search the internet for “the wordless Gospel.” Or, ask an SV Kids’ Director for the Gospel explanation with motions.

Paul reminded Timothy that God gives us the strength to suffer for the Gospel. Paul summarizes the Gospel (in verses 9 and 10).

2) SPIRITUAL LOYALTY

Read 2 Timothy 1:11-14 out loud to your family.

Question: For what reason did Paul give for not being ashamed?

Answer: Paul said, “I am not ashamed, because I know the one I have put my trust in.”

Question: What further advice to Paul give Timothy?

Answer: Paul told Timothy to continue to tell others about Jesus.

Paul was in prison for telling people this good news about Jesus. He was not ashamed to be in prison as he did nothing wrong. He was doing as Jesus commanded—preaching and teaching, telling others about Jesus. Paul was being a disciple who makes disciples! Paul accepted his suffering because of his belief in Jesus. Paul knew that God was faithful and would not turn His back on His followers.

Paul stood firm in the faith—meaning he continued to tell people about Jesus even when he was treated badly, arrested, and put into prison. He encouraged Timothy to follow this example. Paul told Timothy to cling to the teachings of Jesus, to continue to tell others the good news with love, without being insulting or wanting to cause harm.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Read and discuss Genesis 3:1-7

- From the beginning, the devil has opposed God. The devil's first sentence in the Bible began with, "Did God really say..." Throughout history, the devil continues to ask that question—even to us today!

Read and discuss Romans 10:14-15

- Like Paul and Timothy, men and women have clung to God's Word and continued to tell others about Jesus.

Practice telling the good news/the Gospel

- Write out or outline the good news. Compare your written out version to Paul's in 2 Timothy 1:9-10. (*If you want to dig deeper, compare those to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.*)

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WEEK 3: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Main Idea: Like good soldiers, we are to endure hardship and stay loyal to our commander, God. Death has been defeated for followers of Jesus; we can share in His victory.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

There is a famous saying from long ago, "Remember the Alamo!" It is a famous war cry. Do you know any other war cries?

There are other examples of war cries. "Oorah" is the war cry used by United States Marines and "Hooyah" is the war cry of the Navy and the Coast Guard. In today's lesson, we are going to see Paul use a war cry!

BIG IDEAS

1) A LOYAL STEWARD, ATHLETE, AND FARMER

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2 out loud to your family.

Question: Paul began this section by building on his idea of following his example and teaching others. He talked about stewardship. Have you heard that word before? A good steward is like a manager; what do you think of when I say "manager"?

Answer: (Answers may vary.)

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Explain that in the olden days, a steward managed things that belonged to someone else. A good steward was careful and responsible with what was entrusted to his/her care. A good steward not only tried to protect it to retain the value, but would be strategic with it to increase the value. As an example, think of a steward entrusted with the master's land. The steward would try to increase the value of the land by planting crops that would provide a bountiful harvest. Or the steward would try to buy an additional plot of land nearby to increase how much the master owned and to increase the value.

Being a good steward in light of being a disciple means that we take care of and multiply what God has given us. The good news of Jesus is not something we get to keep to ourselves. We are to share it with others. Paul said, "Share these teachings with people you can trust. Then they will be able to teach others these same things" (verse 2, Easy to Read Version). We are to be disciples who make disciples.

Read 2 Timothy 2:5-7 out loud to your family.

Question: Besides a good steward (and soldier), what other examples does Paul use to describe followers of Jesus?

Answer: Paul also described followers of Jesus as athletes and farmers.

Remember in chapter 1, Paul told Timothy to not be ashamed to tell people about Jesus even if he was treated badly. Paul told Timothy to cling to the teachings of Jesus. When Paul said, "Athletes in a race must obey all the rules to win," he was telling Timothy to obey God's Word, no matter how people treat him or what they say. Paul meant that Timothy was not in the race to become famous or have people like him; he was in the race for Jesus.

Paul used the example of a farmer to show Timothy that ministry takes hard work. We should see it as working in the spiritual soil or land as persistently as farmers work on their land. Farmers also get to delight in the experience of seeing the crops that they planted produce a good harvest. We also get to delight in the experience of seeing the fruit produced in others when we tell them the good news and they believe in Jesus.

2) A LOYAL SOLDIER

Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4, 8-13 out loud to your family.

Question: To what/whom is Paul comparing a follower of Jesus?

Answer: A good soldier of Jesus.

Question: Looking at verse 4, what two things does a good soldier do?

Answer: A good soldier (1) wants to please his commanding officer and (2) he does not spend any time on activities that are not a part of his duty.

Question: If we read verses 8-13 in the mind-set of a soldier, what is the phrase Paul uses that could sound like a war cry? (*Hint:* verse 8a)

Answer: "Remember Jesus Christ!"

Paul said good soldiers endure hardship. We know this is true of those who follow Jesus. In addition, they are loyal to their commander (God) and the branch of service in which they are enlisted (the Kingdom of God). Followers of Jesus also are to avoid "activities that are not a part of their duty" (things of the world and sin).

Paul said, "Remember Jesus Christ!" Jesus leads people to salvation (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus is the captain. After His death, He rose again. Jesus defeated death. We all get to share in His victory. A soldier's thoughts and actions are for his unit. Like a soldier, Paul's thoughts and actions are for those "God has chosen so that they can have the salvation that is in Jesus."

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Read and discuss Genesis 3:1-7

- The first and second chapters have repeated the idea of clinging to God's Word and being strong in the Lord.

Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

- Discuss the armor of God: what is each piece for and how does it help us stand against the schemes of the devil?

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WEEK 4: 2 Timothy 2:14-21

Main Idea: We are to be set apart. When we live our lives in a way that honors God, we are useful to Him and ready to do the good work He has for us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Have everyone share what kind of job they want to have when they grow up. Parents can share what they wanted to be when they were kids. With each of those kinds of jobs, discuss who you may help in your work. For example, a doctor helps people that are sick; a teacher helps kids learn in school; a photographer helps people capture their special moments.

BIG IDEAS

1) APPROVED BY GOD

Read 2 Timothy 2:15 out loud to your family.

Question: Who is the only one that we should seek approval from?

Answer: God

Question: What are the three things that Paul tells Timothy to do to be approved by God?

Answer: 1) be a good worker 2) not ashamed 3) correctly explains God's Word

There is nothing that we can do to earn God's love or His salvation. But that doesn't mean that we should live life however we want. Paul encourages Timothy to live his life the best he can in a way that is honoring to God. God doesn't want us to be lazy. We should work hard not only at school and at home, but within the church as well. When we do our best for the Lord, there is no need for us to be ashamed. We don't need to worry about what other people think about us because God's opinion of us is the only one that matters. Finally, to please God, we need to know His Word! The only way we can correctly know and explain the gospel of truth is by reading it and studying it for ourselves.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

If your child can read, there are many kid-friendly versions of the Bible. New International Reader's Version, International Children's Bible, and Easy Reader Version are some great ones to choose from. The New Living Translation is also a great easy reader version and has been written with the purpose of being read aloud. You can read it aloud to your kids at night or play the audio Bible version of it while driving in the car.

2) HONORABLE AND DISHONORABLE

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21 out loud to your family.

Question: What kinds of materials were household items made of according to Paul?

Answer: gold, silver, wood, clay

Question: Of those four kinds of items, which ones do you think are for honorable use?

Answer: gold and silver

Question: Of those four kinds of items, which ones do you think are for dishonorable use?

Answer: wood and clay

Question: What do you think Paul means when he says something is for honorable use?

Answer: it is for something special

Paul is once again encouraging Timothy to live his life in an honorable way. If we get rid of things that are dishonoring to God, then we are like those special items set apart for special purposes.

You may have some special items in your home that are only used for special occasions or maybe you aren't allowed to use them at all! Maybe some fancy plates or decorative towels. But that isn't what Paul is talking about. We aren't set apart to just sit around and do nothing! Paul tells Timothy that we are to be *used*. When we live our lives in a way that honors God, we are useful to Him and ready to do the good work He has for us.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

In order to be an honorable "vessel" we need to get rid of what is dishonorable. What are some dishonorable things that you do that you need to repent of (turn away from and turn towards God)?

- Read Gal 5:25-26, Eph 4:29-31, and Phil 2:14-15 for some ideas.
- Spend some time praying as a family for the Holy Spirit to fill you in order for you to live your life as an honorable vessel.

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WEEK 5: 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Main Idea: When we are pursuing the things of God, we will also be moving away from the things that displease Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Discuss some things that you would run towards (ex, the playground, the beach, a friend, the ice cream truck).

Discuss some things that you would run away from (ex. fire, barking dog, snakes, spiders)

When we pursue something, we are going towards it because it is something that we want. When we flee from something, we are running away from it because it isn't good or safe for us. In our study today we will see what things God wants us to flee from and what He wants us to pursue instead.

BIG IDEAS

1) FLEE AND PURSUE

Read 2 Timothy 2:22 out loud to your family.

Question: What does Paul tell Timothy to pursue?

Answer: righteousness, faith, love, and peace

Question: What does Paul tell Timothy to flee?

Answer: youthful passions/evils desires of youth

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Youthful passions can be an uncomfortable discussion, but it is an important one to have with your kids. For young kids, "youthful passions" can be described as arguing, fighting, getting angry, or greed.

Read 2 Timothy 2:23-24 out loud to your family.

Question: What else does Paul tell Timothy to flee from?

Answer: quarreling (foolish arguments)

Question: What are we supposed to be instead of quarrelsome?

Answer: kind

Paul tells Timothy to pursue other believers. This is because we are not meant to go through life and our struggles alone. It is easier to flee from sin and pursue God instead when we are doing it alongside others.

Paul isn't just giving Timothy a list of things he shouldn't do. It's hard to know what we are supposed to do when we are only told what not to do! Paul gives Timothy lots of things for him to run toward. When we are pursuing the things of God, we will also be moving away from the things that displease Him.

2) TRUTH WITH GENTLENESS

Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26 out loud to your family.

Question: How should we treat people who are wrong in their understanding of Jesus?

Answer: with gentleness

Question: Why do we need to treat them with gentleness?

Answer: So that they may one day repent and know the truth

It can be really frustrating when people don't agree with us. It can even make us angry when people tell us we are wrong even though we know what is true. There are lots of people who will try to tell you things like God doesn't exist or that Jesus was just a really good teacher. Paul says that we shouldn't argue with them. Instead, we should explain the truth to them in a gentle way. Why? Because fighting them isn't going to change them.

As Christians, we are called to live our lives differently from the rest of the world. We are to be kind, patient, and gentle. In doing so, we may just bring people to Jesus!

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Paul uses the phrase "pure hearts" in verse 22. What do you think he means by that? For more verses on "pure hearts," read: Matthew 5:8, Ezekiel 36:26, 1 Timothy 1:5, Psalm 24:3-6



WEEK 6: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Main Idea: Pay attention to who you're following and listening to.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

An optical illusion is something that is not what it seems to be. Watch this optical illusion video and discuss the truth behind each trick: "10 Amazing Optical Illusions and Experiments you can do at Home" or other optical illusion videos or pictures. Ask, "Now that you have watched how each trick was conducted do you think you can be tricked if shown again?"

BIG IDEAS

1) INFLUENTIAL FAKERS

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 out loud to your family.

Question: What characteristics does Paul tell us to avoid and watch out for?

Answer: (List the 19 different characteristics listed in 2 Timothy 3:2-5.)

TIPS FOR PARENTS

For a simpler understanding of this text, read from the Easy-to-Read version.

Question: How can we avoid being tricked by those who come to harm us?

Answer: Seek God and read His word which holds the truth. When we seek truth, we cannot be tricked.

Paul told Timothy to avoid people who are false and bring false teaching. He describes how they may act (for example, "They will have no love for others." Or, "They will pretend to be devoted to God, but will not change the way they live.").

2) KEEP LEARNING

Read Proverbs 18:15 out loud to your family.

Question: What does this verse tell us about seeking knowledge?

Answer: A wise person wants to learn more, so they listen closely to gain knowledge.

Jesus calls us to be disciples. "Disciple" is another word for learner. No matter how young or old we are, there are always new things to learn. The more we read our Bible and the more we learn about God, the more equipped we are when the devil tries to trick us.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

While the Bible gives us warning about the end of times it does not give us a date or time. God wants us to trust in Him as we seek His truths. This is called faith.

Question: If God gave us the date and time of His Son's return, would we act differently?

Answer: (Answers will vary)

Question: Going back to the list of things to watch out for or avoid (in 2 Timothy 3:2-5), which do we struggle the most with?

Answer: (Answers will vary)

As a family, pray for each of these characteristics asking God to forgive us and to help us overcome any weakness we may have.

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WEEK 7: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Main Idea: God's Words are enough.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Show the kids a multitool or a picture of multitool. Explain that it is a tool that has more than one purpose. It can allow the user to accomplish multiple tasks with just one device. Like a multitool (but so much more!), the Bible equips followers of Jesus for everything that lies ahead.

BIG IDEAS

1) FOLLOW THOSE WHO ARE TRUE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-12 out loud to your family.

Question: In verse 10, Paul reminded Timothy of some things he had seen Paul do. What were some of the things Paul listed?

Answer: Paul's teaching, his conduct, his aim in life, his faith, his patience, his love, and his steadfastness.

Question: What reminder did Paul give Timothy about mistreatment?

Answer: All who live a godly life in Jesus will be mistreated.

Last week we learned that we would be confronted by those who would try to trick us and teach us wrong things about God. One way to combat this is to follow true teachers of Jesus. Timothy had traveled and served with Paul. Timothy knew Paul well—the way Paul taught and lived, his goal in life, his faith, his patience, and his love. Paul was not looking to be famous, he just wanted to obey God and do the work God gave him—to teach others the good news of Jesus. Paul never gave up, even when he was mistreated.

2) CONTINUE IN GOD'S WORD

Read 2 Timothy 3:13-17 out loud to your family.

Question: What two things did Paul tell Timothy to continue to do?

Answer: 1. Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it. 2. Continue to learn from the Bible.

Question: Why is the Bible so important?

Answer: It makes one wise. It leads to salvation (rescue from sin). It is from God. It is used for teaching, for correction, and for training in right living.

Paul advised Timothy to continue following the teaching he had learned. Since he could trust who taught him (Timothy's mother and grandmother), he could trust that what they taught was true. We never outgrow our need for the Bible (God's Word). It shows us and explains how we are all sinners. It also shows us and explains the good news—that God sent Jesus to die for our sins.

All Scripture is given by God. God didn't give us His Word to gather dust on a bookshelf. God intended for His Word to change our hearts and our lives.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Read Genesis 1:3-26

- What repetitive phrase is mentioned in each of these verses? “
 - And God said...”
- As a family discuss a few things that weren't but were once God spoke:
 - For example, Genesis talks about the creation of the world. Before God spoke, the earth was without form and void meaning it was nothing. It was God's breath that brought life.

Read John 1:1

- Discuss and connect John 1:1 with Genesis 1.
 - Who is John 1:1 talking about?



WEEK 8: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Main Idea: We should be attentive and use every opportunity to preach the Word.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What does someone have to do to run a marathon? Explain that they have to train! 26.2 miles is a long race to run!

--In what ways is learning about God and sharing the gospel with others like training for a sport?

--How does God help us to talk about the Word of God?

BIG IDEAS

1) PREACH THE WORD

Our passage for this week starts the conclusion of Paul's letter to Timothy and Paul's last letter written before his death.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 out loud to your family.

Question: What is Paul saying will happen?

Answer: Jesus will one day judge all people.

Question: Knowing that everyone will be judged by God, what does Paul tell Timothy to do?

Answer: "Tell everyone God's message."

Question: What does Paul say about sharing the good news with others?

Answer: To always be ready to share about Jesus—when it's easy or when it's hard.

Paul's last words are serious. He told Timothy, "Tell everyone God's message. Be ready at all times to do whatever is needed. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are doing wrong, and encourage them. Do this with great patience and careful teaching." Paul was serious because he knew we all would stand before Jesus one day to account for our lives—did we live as followers of Jesus or as followers of the world?

Paul told Timothy that when troubles come, to accept them. Paul knew that telling others about Jesus is hard and that people won't always like what we have to say. He wanted to encourage Timothy (and us) to keep telling others about Jesus. Even though it won't always be easy, we are to not give up!

2) STAYING STRONG TO FINISH WELL

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8 out loud to your family.

Question: What is Paul trying to tell Timothy in this passage?

Answer: Paul didn't think he would make it out of prison.

Question: How does Paul feel about the work that he did for the Lord?

Answer: Paul felt that he served God well and he was eager to stand before the Lord.

Paul knew that he would not make it out of prison—his time was at an end and that Timothy would take his place. Paul used himself as an example of commitment to God. As followers of Jesus, we also can fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Paul was imprisoned, but God was still with him. God will never leave us, even in the dark times. Paul knew his time on earth was short and he wanted to encourage Timothy to finish well.

- Look at Philippians 3:8-11, how does Paul feel about serving the Lord?
 - Paul said that he “suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish.” Why? Because Paul knows that in Christ, he had everything he needed. He believed this wholeheartedly and wanted to share this joy of knowing Jesus with others, encouraging Timothy to do the same.
- Read Acts 20:24. Once Paul met Jesus, he couldn't help but share the good news of the gospel with those he came in contact with!

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WEEK 9: 2 Timothy 4:9-22

Main Idea: Friendship makes the heavy weight of sharing the gospel lighter.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Saying goodbye to a friend or loved one is never easy. If you had to say goodbye, what would you want to tell your friend? What would be important for them to know?

BIG IDEAS

1) FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Our passage for this week is the conclusion of Paul's letter to Timothy and Paul's last letter written before his death.

Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18 out loud as a family.

Question: Paul tells Timothy, "Do your best to come to me soon." Why is Paul saying this?

Answer: Paul knew that his time on earth was short, and he wanted to see Timothy again.

Question: Was Paul left alone in prison?

Answer: No! He had some friends who visited him. Plus, God was also always with him!

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Death can be a hard topic to discuss with kids. The reality is that death was never a part of God's plan for us, but it is a part of our redemption story. Because of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection, we have the knowledge that we will see our loved ones again when we are reunited with them in heaven if they are believers. That is why it is important to share the gospel with everyone. This hope that we have is that our earthly goodbye is not forever, and that God wants all people to come to know the saving grace of Jesus death on the cross (Romans 10:9, Romans 6:23, Acts 15:11, Ephesians 2:9).

Paul knew that his time on earth was running out and he wanted to see Timothy again before he went to be with Jesus. Though many turned their back on Paul because they were ashamed of Paul's being in prison, there were a few friends who stayed true. Besides those friends visiting him and attending to his personal needs, we know that God was also always with him! The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 31:6 that the Lord goes before us, he is with us and will never leave us nor forsake us.

2) ONE FINAL GOOD-BYE

Read 2 Timothy 4:19-22 out loud to your family.

In this section, Paul said his final goodbyes to the people who helped him as he preached God's Word.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Knowing that God desires all to come to know Him and be saved, take some time to think about someone you know who needs Jesus and share their name with your family.

It's never too late to tell someone about Jesus. Take some time to pray together as a family and ask for opportunities to share Jesus with the people you have named. You can even write their name down and place it somewhere where you can see it regularly and be reminded to pray and to share the gospel—the good news about Jesus.

Paul's story might have ended, but the good news of Jesus death, resurrection, and His love for us continues to spread to this day. Paul made disciples who made disciples, who made disciples... Let's follow his example!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20