

Session



Personal Study Guide

Gospel First and Always

August 16, 2020

Introduction/Ice Breaker



What comes to mind when you think of something that represents future danger?



Why is it important to respond to threats of future danger before they reach their full potential?

1. A Gospel Worthy of Suffering (2 Tim. 1:8-12)



How did Paul's reminder of the truth of Christ, beginning in verse 9, serve as support for the reason that Timothy should be unashamed of the gospel message he defended?



How did Jesus secure hope for His people? How would that hope in Christ help Timothy (and Christians today) persevere in suffering and persecution?



Application: What are some ways Christians can return to the gospel regularly so that their hearts will stay warm and tender toward the Lord, and their faith will remain strong in times of trial?

2. A Gospel Worthy of Guarding (2 Tim. 1:13-14)



How does the Holy Spirit enable Christians to guard the good deposit of the gospel? Why are Christians unable to do this in their own strength?



Why is the deposit of the gospel worth protecting and sharing with others?



Application: Why is it so critical that the true gospel message remain pure and guarded? What is your understanding of the gospel? Do you have faith in the gospel message?

3. An Example of Gospel Living (2 Tim. 1:15-18)



How did Paul contrast the people he described in these verses?



Share about a time you experienced support from other Christians in your life?



Application/Self-reflection: Which kind of person are you? Are you more like Onesiphorus or Phygelus? How does your life give evidence of this?

Conclusion



Reflecting on the truths of today's study, why is the gospel worth guarding at a great cost? What makes this message so valuable? What happens if it is compromised?



How can you support and encourage others in our group as they face attacks on the gospel message and their personal faithfulness to it?



This week who are you praying for personally that would become a Christ-follower?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Timothy 1:8-12
- Tuesday - 2 Timothy 1:13-18
- Wednesday - 1 Peter 2:9

- Thursday - 1 Peter 1:10
- Friday - Ephesians 4:1-3
- Saturday - Revelation 2:10