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## Personal Study Guide

### Gospel Strength

*August 23, 2020*

#### Introduction/Ice Breaker



How do you typically respond when faced with opposition to a certain stance or belief?

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How does a person's willingness to hold to an unpopular view show their level of commitment to that which they say they believe?

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#### 1. The Call to Effective Service (2 Tim. 2:1-2)



Think back to 2 Timothy 1. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do in the first chapter of this letter? How would this provide the foundation for the instructions Paul gave at the beginning of chapter 2?

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How did Paul's counsel of Timothy conflict with how we generally view difficulty and hardship?

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How did Paul describe what obedience should look like in Timothy's context in verse 2?

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Application: What would it look like in our context to meet by gender a couple of times a month to disciple 2-3 other people through a book like *Greg Ogden's Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple*?

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#### 2. The Price of Effective Service (2 Tim. 2:3-7)



What examples did Paul use to help Timothy to see how suffering and trial are mingled with obedience? How did these examples illustrate Paul's point?


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 What was Paul's main point about the difficulty that Timothy faced? How can this encourage us today?

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 Application: When have you had to sacrifice for the sake of pursuing a goal? How might God want to use this experience in shaping the way you seek to follow Him and make disciples?

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### 3. The Impetus of Effective Service (2 Tim. 2:8-13)

 What two reasons did Paul give for continued obedience? Did these reasons only apply to Timothy's context or do they also apply to us today? Explain.


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 How does remembering the gospel help Christians stay faithful to the Lord and the work he has given them?

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 Application: How are you encouraged to take another step toward following God faithfully in light of the gospel message? Mission project? Mission Trip? Become an apprentice/co-leader? Have a Gospel Conversation with a neighbor, co-worker, or friend? Begin hosting a group of friends for Bible study?

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### Conclusion

 What is the work that God has called all Christians to (Matt. 28:18-20)? What are specific and unique ways in which you can disciple someone, be discipled, or share your God-story through gospel conversations?

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 Do you ever find yourself faltering in the mission? What motivates and encourages you to stay faithful? Why?

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### Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Timothy 2:1-13
- Tuesday - Colossians 1:10-12
- Wednesday - Isaiah 40:29-31
- Thursday - 1 Peter 5:8
- Friday - Proverbs 3:3
- Saturday - Galatians 6:9