

A legacy of proclaiming the Word

2 Timothy 4



To get the most out of this guide, prepare **BEFORE** the group, then be ready to discuss **DURING** the group. This will help you and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

▶ Pray and read 2 Timothy 4:1-8

1. The culmination and climax of the letter comes as Paul gives Timothy 'this charge' (v. 1).
 - a) What makes this charge so solemn and significant? (v. 1)

 - b) What are the key elements of the charge? (v. 2)

 - c) What is the context for this charge? (vv. 3-5)

2. How should Paul's charge to Timothy influence:
 - a) who we appoint as leaders in church e.g. pastors, elders, growth group leaders, kids' church teachers etc?

 - b) how we teach and share the gospel e.g. at home, at work, with friends etc?

3. In contrast to Timothy, what is Paul's current situation? What is he looking towards? (vv. 6-8)

NOTE: For OT drink offerings, see Numbers 15:1-7. Paul uses the same term in Philippians 2:17. A drink offering was not the blood of an animal but some wine poured onto the ground or over the sacrifice. It was a costly sacrifice.

▶ **Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22**

4. Paul knew his time was short, but that didn't necessarily stop his plans for further ministry. What evidence do we see of Paul planning for further gospel work? (vv. 9-13, see also v. 21)

5. How do you normally respond to the type of opposition Paul describes? (vv. 14-18)

6. What is Paul's hope and strength through opposition? (vv. 14-18)

▶ **Prayer**

What are three praise or prayer points that arise from this passage?

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