

2 Timothy: What Matters Most

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2 Timothy 4:9-22

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Discussion and Reflection Guide

As we wrap up the series on 2 Timothy, we are reminded what really matters

Paul has shared how to live in a way that is not constantly distracted by petty and shallow things.

*What has been your takeaway from this series?

*Has there been a time in the past few months that you've been reminded about what really matters?

People will give you reasons to give up on them - but don't

Read and discuss 2 Timothy 4:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

*How have relational pain, forgiveness, and restoration been a part of serving God for you?

*Have you given up in some way? Pushing people away or hiding in cynicism?

*What keeps you engaged? How can we keep ourselves open to relationships even when we get hurt?

God does not bypass humans when He does His work on earth

Read and discuss 2 Timothy 4:12-13 (NIV)

¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

*Where have you seen room for your own humanness in your walk with God?

*Are there areas you have tried to delete or segregate as an obstacle to spirituality?

*What does it mean that humanness is sewn into the spiritual?

The context of the New Testament is a diverse community who have become a family

Read and discuss 2 Timothy 4:14-22 (NIV)

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. ²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

*How have you seen this sense of family in Paul's words in this chapter?

*What would it look like practically to receive the imperfect love of others?

*How do you sense Holy Spirit inviting you to lean into being the family of God with others at Pulpit Rock?