

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 2 Tim 2

2 Tim 2: 3 Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, just as I do; **4** and as Christ's soldier, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army. **5** Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize. **6** Work hard like a farmer who gets paid well if he raises a large crop. **7** Think over these three illustrations, and may the Lord help you to understand how they apply to you.

2 Tim 2:20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. **21** If you stay away from sin you will be like one of these dishes made of purest gold—the very best in the house—so that Christ himself can use you for his highest purposes.

22 Run from anything that gives you the evil thoughts that young men often have, but stay close to anything that makes you want to do right. Have faith and love, and enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts.

23 Again I say, don't get involved in foolish arguments, which only upset people and make them angry. **24** God's people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong.

2 Tim 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Other Passages: Philipians 2, 2 Corinthians 6, Jeremiah 1

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. How have you understood the Christian calling? What meanings has that word taken on for you?
2. Discuss your understanding of the difference between a general calling and a specific personal calling
3. Take some time to share with the group about a time when you struggled with managing your time, how did you work through that? What has been helpful? What is not helpful?
4. In 2 Corinthians 6 Paul paints a picture of our Holy and separate lives, how is that possible in our daily lives? Can you share how your life looks different from those who are in the world?
5. Which analogy in 2 Tim 2 is resonating with you the most? And how is it challenging you to make a change in your life this month? Take a moment to write down other people's responses and commit to praying for one another for this shift to take place.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS