

**SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
2 TIMOTHY 1:8-18 • SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



The theme of 2 Timothy is **ENDURE**. The way to endure in our faith is laid out in this passage:

1. The Gospel (v.8-13), 2. The power of the Holy Spirit (v.14), 3. Encouragement from God's people (v.15-18)
- The way to endure suffering and hardship in this life is through remembering the testimony of our LORD: *the gospel*. We want to spend the month of September exploring one of our foundational practices: **embracing the gospel**. We embrace the gospel at a point in time and over time. Our ability to suffer well is directly connected with our ability to remember Christ and embrace the gospel in our lives.

**WARM UP: Foundational Practice of Embracing the Gospel**

Spend each life group time together this month beginning with 1-2 people sharing how they are currently embracing the gospel in their lives. **How are you enduring the Christian life by embracing the gospel?** Be specific as you share both in your current circumstances and how the Gospel is helping you endure and find hope.

**GUARD THE WORD**

2. There is a reminder to hold to the truth and guard the sound words given to us, entrusted to us as believers. What does your time in the Word look like currently? Share what you are reading or learning in God's word currently. Or share the ways time in God's word is a struggle for you and how the group can help spur you on and deepen our understanding of Scripture?
3. Are there doctrines in God's word that are harder for you to hold to or guard? Explain why.

**BE ENCOURAGED THROUGH OTHERS**

This section closes with people that have caused Paul great discouragement and people that have refreshed and encouraged Paul deeply. People can hurt us or people can help restore us.

4. Can you share an example of a time someone has restored your soul? Follow up this week with that person to thank them for encouraging you! Or if someone comes to mind that has deeply discouraged or hurt you, without gossiping can you ask the group for prayer to find healing and perhaps take next steps in reconciliation with that person?

**CLOSING**

We endure through the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the people of God. As you close today, reflect which of those 3 aspects you may need to cultivate in your life. Share with someone in your group and ask for accountability to grow.