



2 TIMOTHY

STUDY GUIDE



SHEPHERDCHURCH

LESSON 5

FINISH THE RACE

TO BEGIN

Who would be your first guest if you had your own late night talk show?
or
If you could learn one professional or one personal skill, what would it be?

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Read 2 Timothy 4 to the group or have everyone read it to themselves.

1. When your group is finished watching the video discussion, share one of your takeaways with the group.

2. Leaving a legacy requires sacrifice (2 Timothy 4:6). What are you currently sacrificing and/or doing to pass your legacy onto your others?

3. Read 2 Timothy 4:2 and ask group members to share a recent time when God's Word either corrected, rebuked, or encouraged them.

4. How do you see elements of 2 Timothy 4:3 taking place today?

5. Paul says that he's fought the good fight and finished the race. In other words, he's accomplished what God required of him. How would you describe Paul's legacy? Which stories about Paul or which verses that Paul wrote have impacted you greatly?

6. Paul calls Timothy to do the work of an evangelist (v.5). What has been your approach to sharing the gospel with others? Do you use a certain method? Is this something you enjoy?

7. Read verses 2 Timothy 4:9-11, 13, 16-17, 21. In your opinion, what emotions did Paul probably have while writing these verses? Why was it important for Timothy to waste no time in visiting Paul?

8. If there's time, ask group members to share their biggest takeaway from the series.

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND DEEPER STUDY

Each day this week, read 2 Timothy 4 in a different Bible version. You can also listen to 2 Timothy 4 in different Bible versions on the YouVersion Bible app.

Memorize 2 Timothy 4:7-8 or 2 Timothy 4:18... or both!

The image of the crown that Paul refers to in vs. 8 is a crown that a judge awarded to athletes in races. Read 1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 2:25; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; and Revelation 2:10. What do these verses have in common? How are crowns described in these verses? How are crowns awarded?

Overall, how has the study through 2 Timothy influenced you? The following questions might help you answer— How were you encouraged? What challenged you? Where do you feel God moving in your life? Which of your beliefs or ideas were validated? If you had to rethink your view on a certain issue, which issue and why do you feel this way? Who are you going to begin leading or mentoring? Who are you going to approach to lead or mentor you?