

Here for a Reason

Fan the Flame

Background – This Study in 2 Timothy is designed to encourage and equip people for ministry

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – 2 Timothy 1:7

Take Away – God has gifted us to participate in personal ministry

- 1) Pray – that God would help us grow in our desire and giftedness for service
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
 - I. God wants us to fan the flame of our spiritual giftedness and call to ministry. How?
 - A. Spend time with people who encourage and love you.
 - 2 Timothy 1:1-2, Galatians 3:21-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:14
 - B. Spend time with people who pray for you.
 - 2 Timothy 1:3-4
 - C. Remember where your faith came from.
 - 2 Timothy 1:5, Jeremiah 7:22-26
 - D. Take responsibility and live out your giftedness.
 - 2 Timothy 1:6-7, 2 Peter 1:3
 - II. Application
 - A. Do you believe that you are here for a reason? How are using your spiritual giftedness to serve God?
 - B. Are you making progress and growing in your relationship with Jesus? Why or why not?
 - C. Have you become timid or fearful in your service for God? If so what happened? Does anyone consistently pray for you? Who?

Small Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Reflecting on words and phrases from 2 Timothy 1:1-7, describe the relationship between Paul and Timothy.
- 2) Currently in your life is there someone with whom you have influence over or someone who sees you as an influence in his or her life? Briefly describe this relationship. What have you enjoyed the most about it? Why?

- 3) Describe the Spirit that God has given us (verse 7). Relate a time when you have experienced the power, love, or self-discipline of the Spirit of God. How did God use this to conquer your timidity? If you have not encountered the Spirit in such a way, relate a time when you felt overwhelmed by your timidity.
- 4) Consider one area where timidity is presently holding you back from walking in obedience to Jesus. Pray to God about your feelings of timidity, asking Him to overcome your fear and natural weakness, even if the results lead to “sharing in Christ’s sufferings” (Philippians 3:10). Then, “fan into flame” the gift God has given you by acting on one specific assignment He is calling you to do right now.

Additional Resources

- 1) *The Jesus Creed* – Scot McKnight
- 2) *Why you do what you do* – Bob Biehl
- 3) *Rediscovering Discipleship* – Robby Gallaty