

Scripture this week:

2 Timothy 4:9-22

⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹²Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. ²²The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

It's Always About Relationships

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We find comfort, hope and connection by being in relationship with other treasurers of Christ.

We will be disappointed by some.

We find our deepest comfort, hope and connection in being in relationship with God.

Notes:

Life Group Questions:

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1. As we wrap up 2 Timothy, think back through some of the major themes and encouragements in this book. What are one or two that you want to be sure to remember?
2. How would you summarize vv. 9-22 in a few sentences?
3. Why do you think Paul is so specific about who and where various people are as he concludes this letter to his protégé Timothy? What does it suggest about the importance of relationships to passing on the faith?
4. Apparently, some people whom Paul has poured into have continued to be helpful in furthering the mission of spreading the gospel, while others have deserted him or become opposed to the message. What lessons might Timothy (and we) learn from this about the ups and downs of living the Christian life?
5. No matter how certain people respond, based on vv. 17-18, what allows Paul to have confidence always?
6. What helps you to remember and be confident that Jesus is with us and for us, even in the difficult times?
7. Have you had a situation in which you have poured your life into someone and that person ended up going down a wrong path? How did (or are) you dealing with it?
8. How can we be praying for each other as we continue to pour our lives into others and pass on the faith?